

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 26, 2018 | 9:30 a.m.
Council Chambers, Jasper Library & Cultural Centre

Present	Deputy Mayor Scott Wilson, Councillors Jenna McGrath, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Bert Journault, Paul Butler and Rico Damota
Absent	Mayor Richard Ireland
Also present	Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator Greg Van Tighem, Director of Protective Services Bruce Thompson, Director of Operations Dave Osborne, Licensing and Enforcement Manager (Cannabis Working Group) Neil Jones, Enforcement Officer (Cannabis Working Group) Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration Yvonne McNabb, Director of Culture and Recreation Cindy Alton, Administration Receptionist (Cannabis Working Group) Rick Bidaisee, RCMP (Cannabis Working Group) Moirra McKinnon, Parks Canada (Cannabis Working Group) Kelly Deagle, Parks Canada (Cannabis Working Group) James Jackson, Tourism Jasper (Cannabis Working Group) Craig Gilbert, the Fitzhugh One observer
Call to order	Deputy Mayor Wilson called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.
Additions to the agenda	MOTION by Councillor Damota to add the following in camera items to today's agenda: -12.1 Deliberative Matter -12.2 Personnel Matter CARRIED
Approval of agenda	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey to approve the agenda for June 26, 2018 as amended. CARRIED
Approval of minutes	MOTION by Councillor McGrath to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2018 meeting as presented. CARRIED
Brief updates: Cannabis Sale and Use – public survey results	The Cannabis Working Group presented the results of its public survey, which had 460 respondents – a record high for any municipal survey. Overall, respondents supported the sale of cannabis but expressed concerns around smoking in public places. Other highlights included keeping cannabis away from children; enforcement; business equity; and establishing designated smoking and vaping areas. The full results of the survey are available on the municipal website.

The working group has now expanded its membership to include representatives from Alberta Health Services, Tourism Jasper and the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce.

Administration confirmed that an application has been submitted to the province to allow cannabis retails in all C1 properties (as some are within 100 meters of hospitals and schools). Council also discussed business licences and fees. Parks Canada representatives confirmed that the process to allow cannabis retail at all store levels (street level, second storey and basement level) would start with an application from Council to PDAC.

Council requested that the decisions to be made by Council, survey results and Cannabis Working Group recommendations be presented as a package for information.

Recess

Deputy Mayor Wilson called a recess from 10:27 a.m. to 10:36 a.m.

Seniors'
Bus

A Seniors Bus Ad Hoc Committee has been established, consisting of Councillors Butler, Journault and Kelleher-Empy, representatives from the Evergreens Foundation, the Community Family Services Department and the Jasper Seniors Society. The group had its first meeting and will continue exploring transit options.

Construction of a
Fire Flow
Supplement
System at Old Fort
Point

Administration confirmed testing for this proposed project is underway and appears to be successful. Administration also noted this option, if approved, would double the town's back-up water supply in the event of a wildfire emergency.

Council inquired about other possible solutions, however, Mr. Thompson and Mr. Van Tighem reiterated their belief that the presented project is the best option for the town to secure a back-up water supply. Council also asked about potential problems should the Municipality choose to rely on a third party company during an emergency (i.e. the company is no longer in service or the company is too busy with other clients). Administration confirmed several service providers exist in the region.

The Director of Finance and Administration noted the process regarding grant funding for this item is ongoing. This item will return for decision at the next regular council meeting.

Proclamations,
Letters of Support,
Flag Raising Policy

Council indicated its comfort with the draft policy, but would like some of the content from the administrative procedures in the policy statement itself. This item will return to the next regular meeting for notice of request for decision.

Recess

Deputy Mayor Wilson called a recess from 11:40 am to 11:45 am.

Jasper – Hakone
Sister City
Relationship

Council indicated it would like to re-engage in its sister relationship with Hakone, Japan. The Hospitality and Twinned Communities Committee will meet to discuss community engagement, possible partnerships and other options to revitalize the relationship.

Councillor reports

Councillor Damota attended a JCHC meeting and indicated information from that meeting will be presented at the next regular council meeting.

Councillor McGrath also attended the JCHC meeting, a Library Board meeting and Communities in Bloom meeting. Councillor McGrath noted the Communities in Bloom

judges will be in town on July 12; there will be a welcome reception and a wine and cheese reception at Robson House on that day.

Councillors Kelleher-Empey and Butler attended the Community Futures West Yellowhead AGM. Financial statements from that meeting will be sent to council.

Events	Council received a list of upcoming events.
In camera	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Council move in camera at 12:15 p.m. to discuss agenda items 12.1 Deliberative Matter and 12.2 Personnel Matter. CARRIED
Revert to public meeting	MOTION by Councillor McGrath that Council revert to public meeting at 1:14 p.m. CARRIED
Adjournment	MOTION by Councillor Damota that, there being no further business, the meeting of June 26, 2018 be adjourned at 1:14 p.m. CARRIED