

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 21, 2018 | 1:30 p.m.
Council Chambers, Jasper Library & Cultural Centre

- Present Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Bert Journault, Councillors Paul Butler, Jenna McGrath, Helen Kelleher-Empey and Rico Damota
- Absent Councillor Scott Wilson
- Also present Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer
Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager
Kayla Byrne, Legislative Services Coordinator
Martha Fleming, Human Resources Manager
Gord Hutton, Acting Director of Operations
Neil Jones, Bylaw Enforcement Officer
Craig Gilbert, the Fitzhugh
- Call to order Mayor Richard Ireland called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
- Approval of agenda #165/18
MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of Tuesday, August 21, 2018 as presented.
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| FOR | AGAINST | |
| 6 Councillors | 0 Councillors | CARRIED |
- Approval of minutes #166/18
MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the minutes of the August 14, 2018 regular Council meeting as presented.
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| 6 Councillors | 0 Councillors | CARRIED |
- Business arising from the minutes Regarding the necessity of the cheque register included in the Director of Finance and Administration’s report, Councillor Butler noted according to the Fiscal and Financial Control Policy, the monthly accounts payable cheque list should be included in the public agendas.
- Councillor Damota inquired about the process for paving alleyways. Mr. Hutton explained a petition must be filed, however, the Operations Department has deemed certain alleys to be unfit for paving at the moment due to the condition of some below grade infrastructure. Once that infrastructure has been updated, in accordance with the Asset Management Plan, the Operations Department can proceed with the paving process.
- Director Reports: Culture & Recreation Council received a report from the Director of Culture and Recreation, which provided updates on the upcoming Jasper Folk Fest at the newly opened Commemoration Park; the completion of the vermiculite removal in the arena;

the completion of the health and safety audit; and staffing changes and shortages at the Fitness and Aquatic Centre.

Councillor Damota requested a report on Ribfest, which was held in the Activity Centre parking lot. Mrs. McNabb indicated a report will be presented to council in the near future.

Operations	Council received a report from the Acting Director of Operations, which provided updates on staff changes and various ongoing projects. Council inquired about the removal of a fire hydrant on the corner of Turret Street and Elm Avenue; the condition of the toboggan hill by the Catholic church; and the possibility of using Park Canada's contractor camp for contractors hired by the Municipality.
Bylaw summary	Council received a summary of bylaws currently in force in the Municipality.
RFD – CUPE Local 1458 #167/18	MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve the memorandum of agreement signed by the members of CUPE local 1458 and the Municipality of Jasper negotiating committees on July 20, 2018.
	FOR 6 Councillors
	AGAINST 0 Councillors
	CARRIED
Recess	Mayor Ireland called a recess from 2:35 p.m. to 2:42 p.m.
Request for Direction – Smoking and Vaping Cannabis	Council discussed various aspects of cannabis consumption within the town site, including treating cannabis as an intoxicating substance; what consumption will look like for renters; the possibility of allowing consumption in parking lots and alleys and prohibiting it from the rest of the commercial district; retailers' responsibility; and enforcement. In its report, the cannabis working group suggested implementing similar restrictions to those proposed by Calgary, which would prohibit consumption in all public areas except for designated consumption sites. Council also inquired if it has any authority over private leaseholds.
Ribfest – Councillor Damota	This item was addressed during the Director of Culture and Recreation's report.
Special bursary program	Council received information regarding a special bursary program at Simon Fraser University, targeting applicants from communities on the Trans Mountain Pipeline route. This information has also been shared with the Community and Family Services Department and Jasper Junior/Senior High School.
Other new business	Councillor Damota inquired about the status of the proposed drop-off area at the Lobstick Lodge. Mr. Hutton confirmed the project has been approved and is now waiting on a contractor.

Mayor Ireland inquired about the status of the installation of peak identifying signs on the large white rock in the parking lot near the public washrooms on Connaught Drive. Mr. Hutton will look into this and follow up at a future meeting.

Councillor reports Councillor Butler reported that at a recent Seniors Bus Committee meeting it was determined the Jasper Seniors Society (JSS) will give up ownership of its bus on June 30, 2019. The committee is developing an interim operating plan for the first six months of 2019 which would see cooperation between several MOJ departments as well as Alpine Summit Seniors Lodge to undertake operation, administration, scheduling, maintenance and insurance of the bus, with ownership retained by JSS. In the intervening period prior to June 2019, the committee will explore a variety of options for continuation of some manner of transportation service for seniors and mobility-challenged residents.

Councillor Butler also reported the Evergreens Foundation Board passed a motion to include the JCHC housing development on Connaught Drive in its annual submission to the province for affordable housing for seniors.

Councillor Kelleher-Empey will attend the Community Futures conference in Drumheller in October.

Upcoming events Council received a list of upcoming events.

Adjournment #168/18 MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED THAT, there being no further business, the regular meeting of August 21, 2018 be adjourned at 4:06 p.m.

FOR
6 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

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Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer