

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, October 2, 2018 | 1:30 p.m.
 Council Chambers, Jasper Library & Cultural Centre

Present Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Rico Damota, Councillors Paul Butler, Jenna McGrath, Bert Journault and Scott Wilson

Absent Councillor Helen Kelleher-Empey

Also present Mark Fercho, Chief Administrative Officer
 Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance and Administration
 Janet Cooper, Environmental Stewardship Coordinator
 Christine Nadon, Legislative Services Manager
 Pattie Pavlov, Chamber of Commerce
 Craig Gilbert, the Fitzhugh
 Traudi Golla and Marci DeWandel, Community Christmas Tree presenters
 2 observers

Call to order Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 1:30 pm.

Additions to the agenda #190/18 MOTION by Councillor Butler – BE IT RESOLVED THAT council add the following items to today’s agenda:
 13.1 In camera – Human Resources matter

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Approval of agenda #191/18 MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED THAT council approve the agenda for the regular meeting of Tuesday, October 2, 2018 as amended.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

RCMP Introduction RCMP Sgt. Rick Bidaisee introduced Constable Maryse Theriault. In addition to regular duties Constable Theriault will act as a community liaison officer for the Jasper schools.

Approval of minutes #192/18 MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED THAT council approve the minutes of the September 18, 2018 regular council meeting as presented.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Presentations: Community Christmas Tree Jasper residents Traudi Golla and Marci DeWandel presented a proposal to erect a 25-foot coniferous tree in Robson Park. This large Christmas tree, named the World Tree, would be in place for approximately four to six weeks and serve as a hub for winter and Christmas festivities. Community events such as a lighting

ceremony or caroling could be held at the site. It's proposed that local organizations and volunteers could contribute to the installation and maintenance of the tree. The proponents also requested support from the Municipality. The Mayor directed administration to report back at the October 23 committee of the whole meeting with a report considering logistics, support and costs.

Business arising from the minutes Councillor Journault asked for an update on parking in S-Block. This issue was discussed at the September 18, 2018 Council meeting. This matter will be brought forward again at the next council meeting.

Bylaw summary Council received a summary of bylaws currently in force and those in various stages of readings in the Municipality.

Bylaw #211 Cannabis Consumption Bylaw #193/18 MOTION by Councillor Journault – BE IT RESOLVED THAT council read for the third and final time Bylaw #211 Cannabis Consumption Bylaw, being a bylaw of the Municipality of Jasper in the province of Alberta, to regulate the consumption of cannabis in public places.

FOR	AGAINST	
4 Councillors	2 Councillors	
	(Deputy Mayor Damota and Councillor McGrath)	
		CARRIED

Request for Direction – 2019 Budget Process The Director of Finance and Administration asked council to provide direction on the budget process for the upcoming year. Would they prefer a top-down approach whereby the tax increase is a pre-determined percentage or continue with a bottom-up approach as has been done in the past?

Council discussed the merits of both approaches and agreed to consider the budget process further at the upcoming strategic priorities workshop on October 9, 2018.

RFD – Sleepy Hollow Sewer System #194/18 MOTION by Councillor McGrath – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council approve \$250,449.39 in municipal funding and a total project cost of \$550,926.96 for phase one of the two phase Sleepy Hollow Sewer System Construction project.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	
		CARRIED

Correspondence: Property Tax Refund In a letter to council the Mason's Building Maintenance Society requested a reversal of the property tax interest penalties owing. Council directed administration to work with the society on this matter.

Senior Recreation Passes A senior resident wrote to Council about the fees for recreation passes. Council directed administration to report back on current seniors' passes along with the fees.

Fireworks in JNP A letter was received from the Jasper Environmental Association (JEA) asking for an update on the discontinuation of loud fireworks during special events in Jasper. A letter was sent to council in March 2018 on the subject. The JEA notes that the towns of Banff and Canmore have moved to special effect pyrotechnics displays, often called quiet fireworks, to lessen the stress on wildlife. Discussion included merits and drawbacks of each. Pattie Pavlov spoke to the cost of the quiet fireworks. Council determined the Jasper in January fireworks will proceed as planned.

There were no fireworks on Canada Day in 2018 due to the fire hazard. This had a significant impact on attendance at the end of night celebrations. The Jasper Yellowhead Museum hosts the afternoon barbeque and the beer garden as a fundraiser and their profits were impacted. Council directed administration to explore options for the evening celebrations as the fire hazard in July may prohibit fireworks for several years.

ARPA Conference An invitation was received from the Alberta Recreation & Parks Association for the annual conference which will be in Jasper this year from October 25-27. Staff from Culture and Recreation attend this conference each year. Council will consider their availability.

Councillor reports Councillor Wilson attended the Communities Futures meeting. To date 10 loans have been given out this year, totaling \$515,000.

Councillor Butler attended an Evergreens Foundation meeting where the final budget was approved for the new kitchen in the Alpine Summit Seniors Lodge.

Councillor McGrath attended the Communities in Bloom annual symposium and award ceremony. The Municipality of Jasper won a Silver Award – 5 Blooms in the International Competition for a medium sized community. The Municipality of Jasper also won the Outstanding Achievement Award for Environmental Action. The 2018 evaluation forms were distributed.

Most of council attended the AUMA conference and had the opportunity to meet with several Ministers and the Premier. The AUMA will develop talking points for issues that will be important in the upcoming provincial election. Mayor Ireland noted many resources are available on the AUMA website, such as templates for bylaws. After attending a session on advocacy, Mayor Ireland noted that the town needs to update the Code of Conduct to include parameters around social media.

Also at the AUMA convention, the resolution put forward by the Municipality, asking that a portion of the carbon tax be used to help fund the installation and operation of electric-vehicle charging stations in municipalities was defeated.

Upcoming events Council received a list of upcoming events.

In Camera MOTION by Deputy Mayor Damota– BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council move in

#195/18

camera to discuss a personnel matter at 3:52 pm.

FOR
6 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Revert to Public
Meeting
#196/18

MOTION by Deputy Mayor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council revert to open meeting at 5:48 pm.

FOR
6 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Adjournment
#197/18

MOTION by Deputy Mayor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED THAT, there being no further business, the regular meeting of October 2, 2018 be adjourned at 5:49 pm.

FOR
6 Councillors

AGAINST
0 Councillors

CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer