

Municipality of Jasper
Committee of the Whole Meeting Minutes
 Tuesday, March 22, 2022 | 9:30am
 Jasper Library and Cultural Centre, Quorum Room

Virtual viewing and participation	Council attendance is primarily back in Council chambers at the Jasper Library and Cultural Centre. This meeting was also conducted virtually and available for public livestreaming through Zoom. Public viewing and participation during Council meetings is through Zoom livestreaming.						
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Helen Kelleher-Empey, Councillors Wendy Hall, Ralph Melnyk, Kathleen Waxer, and Rico Damota						
Absent	Councillor Scott Wilson						
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services John Greathead, Director of Operations Christopher Read, Director of Community Development Lisa Riddell, Community Development Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Jason Stockfish, The Fitzhugh Bob Covey, The Jasper Local Justin Melnyk, Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce 14 observers						
Call to Order	Deputy Mayor Kelleher-Empey called the March 22, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting to order at 9:30am and began with a Traditional Land Acknowledgement .						
Approval of agenda #130/22	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk to approve the agenda for the March 22, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented. <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">FOR</td> <td style="width: 30%;">AGAINST</td> <td style="width: 40%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 Councillors</td> <td>0 Councillor</td> <td style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</td> </tr> </table>	FOR	AGAINST		5 Councillors	0 Councillor	CARRIED
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Approval of minutes #131/22	MOTION by Councillor Hall to approve the minutes of the March 8, 2022 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended: - Correct the number of votes in motions #103 and #104 to reflect the votes of the five Councillors present <table border="0" style="width: 100%;"> <tr> <td style="width: 30%;">FOR</td> <td style="width: 30%;">AGAINST</td> <td style="width: 40%;"></td> </tr> <tr> <td>5 Councillors</td> <td>0 Councillors</td> <td style="text-align: right;">CARRIED</td> </tr> </table>	FOR	AGAINST		5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED
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Business arising from minutes	At the March 8, 2022 meeting, Committee discussed writing a letter to the provincial government with regards to the write off of Property Tax receivable for Roll 500000 (the Provincial Building). Mayor Ireland has shared a draft of the letter with Councillors, which is to be sent to the Minister of Finance, and has copied the Minister of Municipal Affairs, the Premier, and the President of Alberta Municipalities.						

Sidewalk Seating RFD At the February 8 meeting, Committee provided direction to Administration on how to administer the sidewalk seating program for 2022. Administration has since been working with Parks Canada to identify an application process that would be amenable to both organizations. Administration presented recommendations and alternatives for moving forward.

Council discussed the challenges of all options and invited Justin Melnyk of the Jasper Park Chamber of Commerce to share questions or concerns from business partners in the community.

Councillor Damota joined the meeting at 9:55am

Sidewalk Seating continued #132/22 MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee defer consideration of the Sidewalk Seating Request for Decision to a Special Meeting of Council on Tuesday, March 29, 2022 at 1:30pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Recess Deputy Mayor Kelleher-Empey called a recess from 10:43am to 10:52am.

2018-2022 Strategic Plan Review #133/22 Committee received a report from Administration reviewing progress made in reference to the 2018-2022 Council Strategic Plan.

MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee receive the report for information.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Municipal Staff Housing #134/22 Administration presented a draft Municipal Employee Housing Policy as per direction provided on September 14, 2021.

MOTION by Councillor Damota that Committee recommend Council approve the Municipal Employee Housing Policy as amended.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Community Conversations Report #135/22 Community Development Manager Lisa Riddell presented a report on behalf of Administration detailing Community Conversations over the past quarter. Council expressed their gratitude for the report and the overall program.

MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee receive the Community Conversations report for information.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Alberta Winter Games On March 8, 2022 Council received an invitation from Alberta’s Minister of Culture, Ron Orr, to submit a bid to host the 2024 Alberta Winter or Summer Games. In response to this request Administration reached out to the neighboring communities of Hinton, Edson, and Yellowhead County to gauge interest in co-hosting the 2024 Alberta Winter Games. Administration informed Council that none of the others are currently planning on submitting a proposal.

#136/22 MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee receive the verbal report on the Alberta Winter Games as information.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

UpLift! Mural Festival Mayor Ireland declared a conflict of interest and asked to excuse himself for the next item on the agenda in relation to Section 10.2 of the Code of Conduct Bylaw. Mayor Ireland is a close family relation of one of the organizers of the festival.

Director of Community Development Christopher Read updated Council with the options being identified as ways the Municipality can provide support to the UpLift! Mural Festival being organized for this spring.

#137/22 MOTION by Councillor Damota that Committee receive the verbal report on the UpLift! Mural Festival Municipal Support as information.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Correspondence none

Motion Action List Administration reviewed the Motion Action List, which included revised target dates and the removal of items which were addressed today.

#138/22 MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee approve the updated Motion Action List as amended.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Councillor reports Mayor Ireland will be attending a Jasper Partnership Initiative meeting tomorrow afternoon in the Quorum Room. He also has a Zoom call scheduled for Thursday afternoon with the mayors of Banff and Canmore.

Councillor Kelleher-Empey attended the Evergreens Foundation meeting last Friday. She will also be attending the Evergreens Seniors Conference April 10 to 13 in Calgary, and be absent for the April 12 Committee of the Whole meeting.

Councillor Melnyk will be attending the quarterly board meeting of the TransCanada Yellowhead Highway Association this Friday on Zoom. He will also be attending the monthly Jasper Yellowhead Historical Society board meeting this Friday on Zoom.

Councillor Damota will be attending the Environmental Responsibility Community Conversation tomorrow. He will also be at the Jasper Community Team Society board meeting this Thursday at Robson House.

There is an Elected Officials Education Program course starting March 23 focusing on Municipal Corporate Planning and Finance which both Councillors Damota and Hall will be participating in over Zoom.

Councillor Hall attended a Library Board meeting last Wednesday. She is also going to the Friends of the Library casino fundraiser at the end of April.

Councillor Waxer attended the RCMP Community Conversation last Tuesday.

Upcoming Events Council reviewed a list of upcoming events.

In Camera
#139/22 MOTION by Councillor Hall to move in camera at 11:56am to discuss agenda items:
- 11.1 Personnel matter: CAO performance feedback – FOIP, S. 17(4)(f)

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6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mr. Given also attended the in camera session.

Revert to open meeting
#140/22 MOTION by Councillor Damota that Committee of the Whole revert to open meeting at 12:59pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Adjournment
#141/22 MOTION by Councillor Hall, there being no further business, the Committee of the Whole meeting of March 22, 2022 be adjourned at 1pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED