

Municipality of Jasper
Regular Council Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 20, 2024 | 1:30 pm
Jasper Library and Cultural Centre, Quorum Room

Virtual viewing and participation	Council attendance is 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 both Zoom livestreaming and in-person attendance.		
Present	Mayor Richard Ireland, Deputy Mayor Scott Wilson, Councillors Wendy Hall, Helen Kelleher-Empey, Ralph Melnyk, Rico Damota and Kathleen Waxer		
Absent	none		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Christopher Read, Director of Community Development Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Bob Covey, The Jasper Local Peter Shokeir, The Fitzhugh 7 observers		
Call to order	Mayor Ireland called the February 20, 2024 Regular Council meeting to order at 1:30pm.		
Additions or Deletions #69/24	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council amend the agenda for the February 20, 2024 Regular Council meeting by adding the following items: <ul style="list-style-type: none">7.1 Activity Centre Renovation Project Update7.2 Councillor Absentee Request		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of agenda #70/24	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the agenda for the February 20, 2024 Regular Council meeting as amended: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Add Items<ul style="list-style-type: none">7.1 Activity Centre Renovation Project Update7.2 Councillor Absentee Request		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Regular minutes #71/24	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the January 16, 2024 Regular Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes #72/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the January 23, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Special Council meeting minutes #73/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the January 23, 2024 Special Council meeting as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Approval of Committee of the Whole minutes	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council amend motion #40/24 of the February 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting to reflect the correct wording as follows:		

#74/24	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> That Committee direct Administration to turn oversized parking stalls into paid parking stalls. 	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#75/24	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the minutes of the February 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting as amended.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Correspondence - Association of Mountain Park Protection and Enjoyment #76/24	<p>Council received correspondence from Director Debbie Harksen, Association of Mountain Park Protection and Enjoyment, regarding funding for a study of the Icefields Parkway.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council receive the correspondence for information; and</p> <p>That Council refer the matter to the next meeting of the Jasper Partnership Initiative.</p>	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Delegations	none			
Affordable Housing Advocacy #77/24	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council authorize the Mayor to write a letter to the Minister of Alberta Seniors, Community and Social Services requesting that the Government of Alberta affordable income thresholds for Jasper be increased to match those of Banff beginning in 2024.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Child Care Advocacy #78/24	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Early Learning and Child Care bilateral agreement advocacy approach as presented.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Childcare Space Creation Funding Advocacy Request for Decision to Alberta Municipalities Spring Municipal Leaders' Caucus #79/24	<p>MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council support submitting the attached Request for Decision to the Alberta Municipalities Spring Leaders' Caucus.</p> <p>Christopher Read, Director of Community Development, did confirm a member of Council will be required to present at the event.</p>	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation Shareholder Policy #80/24	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation Shareholder Policy as presented.	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation Shareholder Resolutions #81/24	<p>CAO Bill Given reviewed the amendments made to the Unanimous Shareholders Agreement following discussion at the February 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.</p> <p>MOTION by Councillor Wilson – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve Resolutions 2024-1, 2024-2 & 2024-3 (Unanimous Shareholders Agreement).</p>			

	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#82/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve Resolution 2024-4 (Election of Directors).		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#83/24	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve Resolution 2024-5 (JMHC Corporate By-law No. 1).		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#84/24	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve Resolution 2024-6 (Ratification of Director’s Acts).		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#85/24	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council approve Resolution 2024-7 (Change of Directors).		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation – Director Appointments #86/24	MOTION by Councillor Damota – BE IT RESOLVED that Council, representing the Municipality of Jasper as sole JMHC Shareholder, appoint Nadine McIsaac, Edward Archibald, Laurie Rodger, Serge Martin and Andrea Ziegler to the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation Board of Directors for a term February 20, 2024 to March 1, 2026.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#87/24	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that Council, representing the Municipality of Jasper as sole JMHC Shareholder, appoint the following individuals, to the Jasper Municipal Housing Corporation Board of Directors: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Councillor Scott Wilson – October 20, 2023 to November 15, 2025 • Councillor Rico Damota – October 24, 2023 to November 15, 2025 		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Community & Economic Development Policy Review #88/24	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey – BE IT RESOLVED that Council amend the Community and Economic Development Fund Policy B-117 as presented.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Paid Parking 2024 #89/24	MOTION by Councillor Hall – BE IT RESOLVED that Council increase the paid parking rates to \$4.50/h on-street, and \$3.50/h or \$17/day in parking lots.		
	FOR 5 Councillors	AGAINST 2 Councillors (Wilson, Damota)	CARRIED
Communities in Bloom Appointments #90/24	MOTION by Councillor Waxer – BE IT RESOLVED that Council appoint Danny Frechette, Sarah Fougere, and Shelley Koebel to the Communities in Bloom Committee for a term commencing January 1, 2024 and concluding December 31, 2025.		

	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Notices of Motion	none		
Activity Centre Renovation Update	Councillor Damota enquired if an update could be shared on Activity Centre Renovation Project and recommendations from architects which were voted on at previous meetings. Administration advised an update is scheduled for March. Council was also invited to a tour of the facility this weekend.		
Councillor Absenteeism Request	Councillor Damota anticipates he may be missing some meetings over the next few months. He may need to give a notice of motion to ask for Council's permission to miss more time according to the Municipal Government Act.		
Business arising from January 23, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting minutes	<p>Council requested clarification from Administration regarding motions made affecting the Crisis Team Jasper Society (CTJS) and their funding requests. The funding and developing F-104 agreements were discussed at the January 23, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting and the CTJS presented at the February 13, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland relinquished the chair to Deputy Mayor Wilson in order to make the following motions.</p>		
#91/24	<p>MOTION by Mayor Ireland – BE IT RESOLVED that Council support the Mayor's intention to amend Motion #40/24 as per the procedure bylaw.</p> <p>FOR 7 Councillors</p> <p>AGAINST 0 Councillors</p> <p>CARRIED</p>		
#92/24	<p>MOTION by Mayor Ireland – BE IT RESOLVED that Council amend motion #40/24 to read as follows:</p> <p>"That Council authorize Administration to enter into an F-104 agreement with the Crisis Team Jasper Society in respect to funds allocated in 2022 and 2023 funds to the Crisis Team Jasper Society substantially in the form presented at the January 23, 2024 Committee of the Whole meeting."</p> <p>FOR 7 Councillors</p> <p>AGAINST 0 Councillors</p> <p>CARRIED</p> <p>Deputy Mayor Wilson returned the chair to Mayor Ireland for the remainder of the meeting.</p>		
Councillor Reports	<p>Councillor Hall attended a Library Board meeting on February last Tuesday.</p> <p>Councillors Melnyk and Waxer will be attending an Alberta/Japan Twinned Municipalities Association Zoom meeting this evening.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland and Councillor Wilson attended a West Yellowhead Regional Waste Management Authority meeting last Wednesday.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland, Councillor Hall and Councillor Damota attended a Legislative Committee meeting this morning.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland attended a provincial tourism strategy unveiling last Wednesday at Jasper Park Lodge. The Premier of Alberta and cabinet were in Jasper for the event.</p> <p>Last Wednesday Councillor Waxer attended the provincial briefing on Alberta Health Consultation and the roll out of the new structure.</p> <p>Mayor Ireland, Councillors Melnyk, Waxer, and Kelleher-Empey attended a meeting of the Jasper/Hakone Committee last week with Tourism Jasper.</p>		
Upcoming events	Council received a list of upcoming events for information.		

Adjournment
#93/24

MOTION by Councillor Melnyk – BE IT RESOLVED that, there being no further business, the Regular Council meeting of February 20, 2024 be adjourned at 3:31pm.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

