

Municipality of Jasper
Budget Presentation Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, November 29, 2022 | 9:00am
Jasper Library & Cultural Centre and conducted virtually through Zoom

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 Wendy Hall, Councillors Kathleen Waxer, Rico Damota, Ralph Melnyk, Helen Kelleher-Empey and Scott Wilson		
Also present	Bill Given, Chief Administrative Officer Christine Nadon, Director of Protective & Legislative Services Natasha Malenchak, Director of Finance & Administration John Greathead, Director of Operations Christopher Read, Director of Community Development Amanda Stevens, Communications Manager Emma Acorn, Legislative Services Coordinator Norm Pelletier, Lead Water Operator, Operations Department Bob Covey, The Local Jason Stockfish, The Fitzhugh 14 observers		
Call to Order	Mayor Ireland called the meeting to order at 9:08am.		
Process Overview	CAO Bill Given presented an overview of the priority based budget process and a review of the November 15 & 16, 2022 budget presentation meeting.		
Budget 2023-2025 Discussion	Committee received the 2023-2025 budget presentation from Administration and was given an opportunity to ask clarifying questions. The budget package can be found in the agenda package on the municipal website. The presentation began with Director of Operations, John Greathead, reviewing Utilities.		
Recess	Mayor Ireland called for a recess from 11:10am to 11:20am.		
#539/22	MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee direct Administration to report back at a future Committee of the Whole meeting with a report reviewing options to increase equity in solid waste and recycling charges.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#540/22	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee amend the Utilities Operational budget to include \$270,000 over two years to fund Jasper's portion of the construction of a new landfill cell.		

	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#541/22	MOTION by Councillor Waxer that Committee approve the Utilities Operating budget as amended.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Mayor Ireland relinquished the chair to Deputy Mayor Hall in order to make the following motion.		
#542/22	MOTION by Mayor Ireland that Committee amend the Utilities Capital budget by changing the status of the 53 foot trailer from unfunded to funded in the amount of \$40,000.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
	Mayor Ireland resumed chairing the meeting.		
#543/22	MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee approve the Utilities Capital budget as amended.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
Budget 2023-2025 Discussion continued	The presentation resumed and Administration reviewed information which had been presented at the previous budget discussions on November 15 & 16, 2022.		
#544/22	MOTION by Councillor Wilson that Committee amend the operating budget to defer the Certified Engineering Technologist position to 2024 for further consideration; and, that Committee direct Administration to track engineering costs in 2023 to present at the 2024 budget discussions.		
	FOR 7 Councillors	AGAINST 0 Councillors	CARRIED
#545/22	MOTION by Councillor Wilson that Committee amend the budget to defer the Planning and Development Manager position to 2024, and increase the contracted services by \$75,000 to provide additional planning and development support.		
	FOR 6 Councillors	AGAINST 1 Councillor (Councillor Damota)	CARRIED
#546/22	MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that Committee amend the Community Development Capital budget to include \$25,000 in 2023 to improve audio in the		

multipurpose hall.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

#547/22 MOTION by Councillor Melnyk that Committee amend the Community Development Capital budget to include \$20,000 in 2023 to improve projection in the multipurpose hall, subject to securing grant funding.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	1 Councillor (Councillor Damota)	CARRIED

Extension of meeting
#548/22 MOTION by Councillor Melnyk at 12:50pm that the November 29, 2022 Committee meeting be extended beyond four hours if necessary.

FOR	AGAINST	
7 Councillors	0 Councillors	CARRIED

Recess Mayor Ireland called for a recess from 1:14pm to 2:15pm. Councillor Wilson did not return to the meeting after the recess.

Budget 2023-2025 Discussion continued Council continued discussing options and asking clarifying questions of Administration.

Recess Mayor Ireland called for a recess from 3:14pm to 3:25pm.

Budget 2023-2025 Discussion continued
#549/22 MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee amend the budget to set increased use of financial stabilization reserve to \$150,000.

FOR	AGAINST	
6 Councillors	1 Councillor (Councillor Damota)	CARRIED

#550/22 MOTION by Councillor Damota that Committee amend the budget to remove the \$10,000 Hakone Relationship item in the reserve.

FOR	AGAINST	
1 Councillor (Councillor Damota)	5 Councillors	DEFEATED

#551/22 MOTION by Councillor Hall that Committee recommend Council approve the 2023-2025 Operating and Capital budgets as amended.

FOR	AGAINST	
5 Councillors	1 Councillor (Councillor Damota)	CARRIED

Adjournment
#552/22

MOTION by Councillor Kelleher-Empey that, there being no further business, the November 29, 2022 Committee meeting be adjourned at 4:03pm.

FOR

6 Councillors

AGAINST

0 Councillors

CARRIED