

# Highlights

Council Meetings held Tues. June 22, 2004

At the regular Council meeting, Council

## Legend

RI	Mayor Richard Ireland	852-6503
MD	Dep. Mayor Mike Day	852-4831
BZ	Brenda Zinck	852-3882
RP	Councillor Ross Pugh	852-8633
GK	Councillor Gloria Kongsrud	852-3763
JC	Councillor Joe Couture	852-4949
AW	Councillor Andy Walker	852-9669

**RECEIVED** a presentation from a resident who expressed concern about high water and sewer charges in the summer. Having green lawns and boulevards keeps the town looking beautiful. Residents who used to help water boulevards no longer do so because of the associated cost. Consequently, many have dried up. Currently, water and sewer charges are based on cost recovery. Information could be made available to promote efficient watering methods in order to reduce consumption and cost. (GK)

**RECEIVED** a presentation from Outreach Workers Lynda Shore and Anna DeClercq, on their efforts to secure official designation for a Jasper Youth Justice Committee (YJC). The YJC offers another alternative to the formal court system in dealing with Jasper youth. Youth Justice Committees in Alberta operate as advisory committees or citizen courts. Committee members work in partnership with youth justice personnel in helping the young offender lead a constructive life within the community. They monitor the procedures and dispositions of the youth courts and ensure that community resources for young offenders are available and utilized. In addition, Youth Justice Committees seek restitution for community members who have been victimized by the young offender. The victim is involved whenever possible to personalize the situation. The contract is developed on a cooperative basis so that the young person is committed to follow through, and will not be set-up for failure. Youth Justice Committees increase community involvement in the youth justice system and offer a viable solution to financial cutbacks in criminal justice programs in the province. Council agreed to provide a letter of support on behalf of the community for this initiative. (JC)

**RECEIVED** a presentation from consultant Marilyn Steers and Committee Chairman Greg Keyes on the recommendations of the Jasper Facility Planning Strategies Report. The mandate of the committee was to gather public information and develop a long term vision of community space use in Jasper. The Report provides several options based on community input. Council will now review the report and hold a public meeting in the fall to present their decisions. (JC)

Councillor Walker reported that he recently attended a meeting with the Grand Yellowhead Regional District who have begun preliminary discussions for the modernization of the high school. Approximately \$7 million is slated for renovations with additional funds from the francophone school. The school board is interested in partnering with the municipality to develop joint facilities. This fits in with recommendations from the Report.

**GAVE** first reading to Bylaw #053, being a bylaw to provide for the establishment of a health advisory committee. (GK)

**GAVE** first reading to Bylaw #054, being a bylaw to provide for the printing of ballots in lots for the 2004 municipal election. (GK)

**GAVE** first reading to Bylaw #055, being a bylaw to establish an Assessment Review Board. (RP)

**All bylaws may be viewed on the Municipality's website – [www.jasper-alberta.com](http://www.jasper-alberta.com)**

**APPOINTED** Beryl Cahill as the Returning Officer for the 2004 Municipal Election. (RP)

**RECEIVED** notice of motion for revisions to Policy A-BA, Relationship Agreement between the Municipality of Jasper and Parks Canada and for Policy B-CA, Council Meetings (Guidelines). Policy A-BA allows for the council agenda packages to be posted on the town's webpage.

*Regular meetings of the Council of the Municipality of Jasper are held on the first and third Tuesdays of each month, commencing at 2:30 p.m. in the Jasper Emergency Services Building training room (2<sup>nd</sup> floor). Regular Council meetings are open to the public. Individuals or groups wishing to speak with or make presentations to Council are requested to contact the Administrative Officer, Municipality of Jasper at 780-852-6503 at least one week before the regular meeting to book an appointment time. Presentations and/or appointments are limited to a maximum of fifteen minutes.*

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**APPROVED** Policy B-FC, Councillor Member Compensation & Expenses and Policy H-BD, Encroachment on Municipal Lands. The Encroachment Policy has been available on the town's webpage and copies have been available at the town office. No feedback has been received. (AW)

All policies, including proposed policies, can be viewed on the Municipality's website – [www.jasper-alberta.com](http://www.jasper-alberta.com)

**APPROVED** request for the Municipality to provide space on the Pyramid Avenue Road allowance for the placement of Jasper the Bear. Jasper Tourism and Commerce will provide a landscape plan and bear all costs of this plan. The new location will be more visible for tourists and hopefully deter vandals. (JC)

**PROCLAIMED** September 2004 as Muscular Dystrophy Awareness Month in the Municipality of Jasper. (JC)

**APPROVED** request to establish crosswalk on Connaught Drive from train station to the 'no parking' zone in front of the Chaba Theatre. The crosswalk will be painted in on a trial basis before permanent curb work will take place. Many pedestrians illegally and unsafely cross at this location. Follow-up with Parks Canada will take place. (JC)

**RECEIVED** reports from the Fire Chief, Community & Family Services Director, and Culture and Recreation Director.

**RECEIVED** notice from Councillor Walker that pending ratification, an agreement has been reached between the Grand Yellowhead Regional District and the Evergreen Teachers Union.

Meeting was adjourned at 4:40 pm.