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What We Heard Report

Builders Meeting #6: Mid-Construction Season Check-In

Held on August 12, 2026

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Workshop overview

When: Wednesday, August 12, 2026, from 7:00 - 8:30 AM.

Where: Activity Centre (Multi-purpose hall), 303 Bonhomme Street, Jasper.

Who: A cross-section of people with expertise in building in Jasper:

- Parks Canada (Planning and Development and Operations).
- Municipality of Jasper (Urban Design and Standards Department and Operations Department).
- Builders and contractors working in Jasper.

A total of 22 people attended.

Purpose:

The purpose of the workshop was to share breakfast, discuss what is and is not working well during the summer construction season, and identify opportunities for improvement.

Agenda:

- Help yourself to food and coffee
- Find a table topic of interest
- Move to other tables as you like
- Leave when you like

Our agreements during the workshop:

- We listen with compassion + curiosity.
- We hold stories + personal information in confidence.
- We ask for what we need + offer what we can.
- We stretch together into our highest mutual possibilities.
- We agree to pause when we feel the need to pause.
- Confusion is an opportunity for something new.
- We expect something novel, vital + important will happen at any time.



Table topics of interest

Workshop participants discussed what is and is not working well during the summer construction season across five topics areas:

- Landscaping
- Road and sidewalk repair
- Rock crushing, Marmot Pit, and snow dump
- Street and Public Space Use Permits (SPSUs)
- Utility repair work

Their work is transcribed verbatim and sorted, below.

Landscaping

Retaining walls

- ≤ 1.2 m footing retaining wall only needs a DP.
- > 1.2 m requires DP and BP.
- It is a requirement to obtain an LAL from neighbouring lots if a retaining wall or fence/footing is wanting to be built on a property line.

1.5 m buffer zone plantings

- What types of flowers can be planted in 1.5 m buffer zone? What is a flower?
- Planters/planter boxes in 1.5 m buffer zone.

Road and sidewalk repair

Timing

- Wait until construction is over before fixing roads.

Rock crushing, Marmot Pit, and snow dump

- Current system working well.
- Operating dates.
- Inquiring on the use of a breaker bit on site.

Street and Public Space Use Permits (SPSUs)

SPSUs

- Difference between SPSU and a ULA.
- Request for status update on active SPSU application.

Street and Public Space Use Permits (SPSUs)

Safety

- Concern was raised about cyclists biking through closures or not respecting road signage, creating potential conflict with construction equipment.

Utility repair work

Application and permit process

- Builder appreciated progress on streamline but can still be more clear.
- Parks vs Muni overlap is confusing.

Utility service

- We would like to have design standard to follow.

Timing

- Timing of garage builds.
- Timing of hardsurfacing.
- Integration with MoJ contractor scheduling.

Other comments received during the workshop

Communications

- Builders communicated they read the industry bulletin and find it useful. Rebuild and Builders guides were useful when builders first arrived in town, less so now.

Contractor accommodation

- Why does the Sleepy Hollow work camp close for the winter?
- A lack of available space for contractors to host a camp.

Light pole in driveway

- How to manage light pole in driveway.
- Power trench across back alley.

Like for like rebuilds

- Many residents are seeking like for like rebuilds where possible

Materials

- Material supply?
- Solid wood?

Next steps

Future meetings will be held as needed to identify rebuild challenges and create solutions.