



## Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee

Wednesday, October 4, 2023

Conducted Electronically Via MS Teams

9:00 AM

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### Agenda

#### Public Participation for the October 4, 2023 Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting

The Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee (the Committee) will be conducting their October 4, 2023 Meeting through electronic communications in accordance with section 199 of the *Municipal Government Act*.

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- To participate via Microsoft Teams:
  - Anyone wishing to speak to an item on the October 4, 2023, Committee Meeting Agenda must re-register by 4:00 p.m. on October 3, 2023.
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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

3. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

- 3.1. Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting - September 6, 2023

4. **New and Unfinished Business**

- 4.1. Red Tape Reduction Working Group Update
- 4.2. Land Use Bylaw Progress Update
- 4.3. Municipal Development Progress Update
- 4.4. Invest Alberta Recap
- 4.5. Committee Membership

**Adjournment**

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee held via electronic communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, September 6, 2023, commencing at 9:00 AM.**

**Present:**

Bryce Kumka, Chair, Business Community  
 Jennifer Vardy, Vice-Chair, Public At Large  
 Aurick DeSousa, Community Development  
 Steven Hale, Education Sector  
 Purva Sharma, Arts, Culture and Recreation Representative  
 Raj Vasal, Community Development  
 Rene Wells, Public-At-Large

**Absent:**

Bilal Abbas, Public-At-Large  
 Alex McKenzie, Land Development Sector  
 David Secord, Business Community Representative  
 Dan Soupal, Land Development Industry  
 Ijeoma Uche-Ezeala, Public-At-Large  
 Stu Wigle, Councillor

**Administration:**

Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management  
 Amanda Haitas, Acting Director, Planning and Development  
 Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects  
 Caitlin Sheaves, Clerk, Legislative Services

**1. Call to Order**

Vice-Chair Jennifer Vardy called the meeting to order at 9:22 a.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION:**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

**RESULT:** CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Bryce Kumka  
**SECONDER:** Aurick DeSousa  
**FOR:** Kumka, Vardy, DeSousa, Hale, Sharma, Vasal, Wells  
**ABSENT:** Abbas, McKenzie, Secord, Soupal, Uche-Ezeala

### 3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

#### 3.1. **Special Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting - August 9, 2023**

##### **MOTION:**

THAT the Minutes of the Special Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 9, 2023 be approved as presented.

**RESULT:** ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]  
**MOVER:** Raj Vasal  
**SECONDER:** Purva Sharma  
**FOR:** Kumka, Vardy, DeSousa, Hale, Sharma, Vasal, Wells  
**ABSENT:** Abbas, McKenzie, Secord, Soupal, Uche-Ezeala

### 4. New and Unfinished Business

#### 4.1. **Attracting New Business and Private Investment - Lisa Sweet, Director, Business and Investment Attraction, and Terri Nielsen, Director, Tourism, Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development**

Kevin Weidlich, President, and CEO, Lisa Sweet, Director, Business and Investment Attraction, and Terri Nielsen, Director, Tourism, Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism (FMWBEDT) presented an overview of the FMWBEDT Strategic Goals, and business and investment attraction, including commercial and retail development, economic diversification, and industrial development. Additionally, Terri Nielsen, Director, Tourism provided an overview of tourism in the Region, including tourism development, event attraction and visitor experience.

Committee Members provided feedback on the various aspects of development in the Region, noting the importance of the Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan (the Plan), and the approval and implementation of the Plan.

##### Exit:

Chair Bryce Kumka exited the meeting at 10:31 a.m. at which time quorum was lost.

## Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:31 a.m.

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Chair