

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee meeting held in Room 1209 at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, February 19, 2020, commencing at 5:00 PM.

Present:

Michael Sieger, Land Development Industry
Bill Loutitt, Indigenous Representative
Liana Wheeldon, Culture (Arts, Culture & Heritage)
Cathy Dreier, Public-at-Large
Gaylene Weidlich, Community Development
Sean Robertson, Safety and Security

Absent:

Joanne Singer, Public-at-Large
Kimberly Hooper, Oil and Gas Industry
Sunita Sanker-Clarke, Recreation Representative
Mark Arthur, Seniors Representative

Administration:

Krista Balsom, Councillor
Jeff Peddle, Councillor
Jamie Doyle, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development
Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager
Matthew Harrison, Manager, Stakeholder Relations
Margo Firman, Executive Assistant
Sonia Soutter, Senior Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order

Chair, Liana Wheeldon, called the meeting to order at 5:04 pm.

2. Adoption of Agenda

2.1. Motion

THAT the Agenda be amended by switching item 4.3 and 4.4 and

THAT the Agenda be approved as amended.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gaylene Weidlich, Community Development
SECONDER:	Michael Sieger, Land Development Industry
FOR:	Sieger, Loutitt, Dreier, Wheeldon, Weidlich, Robertson
ABSENT:	Singer, Hooper, Sanker-Clarke, Arthur

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 8, 2020 be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cathy Dreier, Public-at-Large
SECONDER:	Sean Robertson, Safety and Security
FOR:	Sieger, Loutitt, Wheeldon, Dreier, Weidlich, Robertson
ABSENT:	Singer, Hooper, Sanker-Clarke, Arthur

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Budget

Jamie Doyle Deputy Chief Administrative Officer (DCAO), provided the committee with details on the 2020 Budget indicating that there is no specific line item in the budget for 2020 dedicated for waterfront revitalization, but that the 2020 Capital Budget of \$5,000,000.00 has funds allotted for Waterfront Park Design/Construction.

4.2. Waterfront Boundaries

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, provided an overview of the boundary map or the suggested areas for waterfront design, highlighting what is municipal land and what is crown land. Telemetry data indicating flood plain mapping was also provided.

4.3. Advisory Committee Updates - Deputy Chief Administrative Officer

Committee Members requested information on other initiatives taking place so as to avoid duplication.

The DCAO provided an update on the Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee indicating that they have identified their priorities which they will be bringing forward to Council.

4.4. Committee Priorities

The Committee identified the following as their priorities:

1. support existing waterfront assets;
2. creating gathering spaces;
3. permitting small waterfront pop-up shops; and
4. enhancing wayfinding and visual clues.

4.5. Action Items/Next Steps

Action Items

Committee Members committed to benchmarking data other waterfront improvements or projects with a comparable focus (i.e. Saskatoon, Kelowna, Halifax). Chair, Liana Wheeldon, committed to providing further direction on this.

Committee Members requested information on possible barriers as a result of the permitting process that may affect implementation of the Committee's waterfront priorities.

Committee Members further requested that Administration provide examples of design charettes to familiarize themselves with their use.

Administration committed to bringing forward this information.

MOTION:

THAT the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee bring forward a recommendation to Council that a year-round designated outdoor event space, including supporting facilities with appropriate utilities, as per Attachment 1, be undertaken in 2020 as part of the 2020 Capital Budget.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Michael Sieger, Sean Robertson
FOR:	Sieger, Loutitt, Wheeldon, Dreier, Weidlich, Robertson
ABSENT:	Singer, Hooper, Sanker-Clarke, Arthur

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Chair