

Minutes of a Special Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee held via Electronic Communications, a combination of video conferencing and teleconferencing, in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, October 1, 2020, commencing at 5:00 PM.

Present:

Liana Wheeldon, Chair, Culture (Arts, Culture & Heritage)
Gary Devison, Seniors Representative
Cathy Dreier, Public-at- Large
Kimberly Hooper, Oil and Gas Industry
Bill Loutitt, Indigenous Representative
Sean Robertson, Safety and Security Sector
Sunita Sanker-Clarke, Recreation Representative
Michael Sieger, Land Development Industry
Gaylene Weidlich, Community Development Sector

Absent:

Krista Balsom, Councillor
Jeff Peddle, Councillor
Keith Plowman, Business Community Representative
Joanne Singer, Public-at- Large

Administration:

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Nina Caines, Senior Manager, Public Works
Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development
Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects
Sonia Soutter, Manager, Senior Legislative Officer, Legislative Services
Anita Hawkins, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Liana Wheeldon called the meeting to order at 5:05 p.m.

Introduction

Chair Liana Wheeldon introduced and welcomed Gary Devison, joining the Committee as Seniors Representative.

2. Presentation

2.1. Kim Rizzi re: 2022 Arctic Winter Games

Kim Rizzi, General Manager, 2022 Arctic Winter Games, gave an overview of the plans for the international games event, including the proposed Cultural Village, as well as the opening and closing ceremonies. It was indicated that there is a Risk Management Team set up to address COVID-19 precautions.

2.2. Karen Puga and Annalee Adair re: Public Art Plan and the Waterfront

Analee Adair, Adair and Associates Ltd., and Karen Puga, Lead Coordinator, Community Services, spoke to the Public Art Plan and the Waterfront. Ms. Adair indicated that the engagement phase for the Plan is coming to an end, and that it is anticipated that a draft plan would be presented to Council by January 2021.

Committee members identified placemaking, wayfinding, Métis and Indigenous recognition as critical components in the development of the Waterfront Plan. Those are components which could also have some impact on influence on the Public Art Plan.

3. New and Unfinished Business

3.1. Updates

Waterfront Group and Self-Guided Tour - Round Table Comments

The Committee members shared their individual observations from the Waterfront Group and Self-Guided Tours. Some of those include but are not limited to the importance of considering onsite drainage as part of site planning; the clean-up required in the area; opportunities for parking, creative fencing, additional lighting, access points to the waterway as well as signage on the waterway.

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer re: Flood Recovery/COVID 19 Current Status

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided an update on the Flood Recovery initiatives, referencing the actions taking place as a result of the last Council meeting of September 15, 2020 as they relate to flood mitigation efforts and land use issues.

With respect to COVID-19, the Municipality continues to adjust as the circumstances evolve. Council will be considering third reading of the Face Covering Bylaw at its October 13, 2020 meeting.

Waterfront RFP

Nina Caines, Senior Manager, Public Works, indicated that the intention is to have the tender awarded for the design component by the end of October and the construction phase in Spring 2021. She confirmed the Committee would be fully involved in the design stage of this project.

Working Groups

Sonia Soutter, Manager, Senior Legislative Officer, Legislative Services, confirmed the Committee can create Working Groups for the purpose of information and data collection and doing background work on topics identified by the Committee.

The Working Groups would consist solely of Committee Members, have no decision-making powers and would be reporting back to the Committee, as determined by the Committee.

MOTION:

THAT the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee establish the following three working groups, comprising of a maximum of four Committee members, to address focus areas of importance to the Committee and report back to the Committee on a monthly basis:

- Arts, Culture and Leisure Working Group, comprising of Cathy Dreier, Sean Robertson and Michael Sieger;
- History with Seniors Working Group, comprising of Gary Devison, Cathy Dreier and Bill Loutitt; and
- Indigenous Cultural Advisory Working Group, comprising of Bill Loutitt, Michael Sieger and Gaylene Weidlich.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Liana Wheeldon, Culture (Arts, Culture & Heritage)
SECONDER:	Michael Sieger, Land Development Industry
FOR:	Hooper, Sieger, Sanker-Clarke, Loutitt, Wheeldon, Dreier, Weidlich, Robertson, Devison
ABSENT:	Singer, Plowman

3.2. 2021 Priority Actions and Consider Potential 2021 Recommendations

With consensus of the Committee, this item will be placed on the agenda for the next regular meeting which is scheduled for October 21, 2020.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Chair

September 23, 2020

NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING

Pursuant to Section 194 of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA. 2000 c.M-26, a Special Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting conducted through electronic communications in accordance with Meeting Procedures (COVID-19 Suppression) Regulation is hereby scheduled to take place at 5:00 p.m. on the 1st day of October, 2020, to consider the following:

1. Kim Rizzi, re: 2022 Arctic Winter Games
2. Karen Puga and Annalee Adair re: Public Art Plan and the Waterfront
3. Update – Waterfront Group and Self-Guided Tour – Round Table Comments
4. Update – Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer re: Flood Recovery/COVID-19 Current Status
5. Update – Waterfront RFP
6. Update – Working Groups
7. 2021 Priority Actions and Consider Potential 2021 Recommendations



Liana Wheeldon
Chair, Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee
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