

Minutes of a Meeting of the Public Art Committee held via Electronic Communications, in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, December 9, 2020, commencing at 6:00 PM.

Present:

Sharon Heading, Chair
Nabil Malik, Vice Chair
Todd Hillier
Waverly Muessle
Krista Balsom, Councillor

Administration:

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer, Legislative Services
Leesa McLeod, Manager, Community and Protective Services
Theresa Buller, Coordinator, Community and Protective Services
Karen Puga, Department Administrator, Community and Protective Services
Caitlin Sheaves, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair, Sharon Heading called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Todd Hillier
SECONDER:	Nabil Malik
FOR:	Hillier, Malik, Heading, Muessle

Further to discussion by Administration the following was put forward as an amended agenda for the Committees consideration

MOTION:

THAT the agenda be amended to reorder items as follows: 4.1 Franklin and Main Park Design, 4.2 igNIGHT, 4.3 Public Art Plan, 4.4 Indigenous Reconciliation Artwork; and that the item Acquisition Opportunity be added as item 4.5

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Waverly Muessle
SECONDER:	Todd Hillier
FOR:	Hillier, Malik, Heading, Muessle

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Public Art Committee Meeting - November 5, 2020

MOTION:

THAT the minutes of the Public Art Committee meeting held on November 5, 2020 be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nabil Malik
SECONDER:	Waverly Muessle
FOR:	Hillier, Malik, Heading, Muessle

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Franklin and Main Park Design

Bipul Bhowmik, Engineer, Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo and Rick Gendron, Consultant, 818 Studio presented a background and overview of the Franklin and Main Park Design and advised that they are currently in the Public Engagement Phase of the project.

The Committee provided feedback and suggestions on how public art can be incorporated into the park and used as a driver to attract the public, and committed to providing further feedback on what they would like to see incorporated in the parks infrastructure to support the inclusion of various forms of public art.

4.2. igNIGHT

Karen Puga, Department Administrator, advised that igNIGHT has begun and is running smoothly, Feedback from the art community has been received requesting that the Organization provide artists more time to review and prepare for submissions, and suggesting that the theme for igNIGHT 2021 be announced at the closing of igNIGHT 2020.

The Committee discussed various opportunities for the 2021 igNIGHT theme. Waverly Mussele, Committee Member, suggested a theme of Fruits and Vegetables as 2021 is the year of fruits and vegetables.

MOTION:

THAT the Public Art Committee recommend to Administration that the theme for the 2021 igNIGHT be fruits and vegetables.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Todd Hillier
SECONDER:	Waverly Muessle
FOR:	Hillier, Malik, Heading, Muessle

4.3. Public Art Plan

Karen Puga, Department Administrator provided an overview of the Public Art Plan and advised that the consultant is on track with the projected timelines.

4.4. Indigenous Reconciliation Artwork

Administration provided an update on the progress of the Indigenous Reconciliation Artwork for Council Chambers. Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer, advised that the Committee should consider providing an update to Council regarding the Indigenous Reconciliation Artwork and other Public Art Committee business, before moving forward with the next steps of this project.

Franklin and Main Park Design

The Committee further discussed the opportunity to expedite a further update with 818 Studio regarding the Franklin and Main project.

MOTION:

THAT a Special Meeting be called for the Franklin & Main Project Discussion the week of December 14, 2020.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sharon Heading
SECONDER:	Todd Hillier
FOR:	Hillier, Malik, Heading, Muessle

Subsequent to this meeting, it was determined that the update from 818 Studio would be received after it has been provided to the Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee, therefore a Special Meeting of the Committee was not scheduled.

4.5. Acquisition Opportunity

Theresa Buller, Coordinator, Community and Protective Services, advised that the Committee was approached with an Acquisition Opportunity for an art installment that was featured in igNIGHT, *The Longest Hunt* by artist Amy Keller-Remp.

The Committee indicated that until the Public Art Plan is finalized, they would be unable to make a commitment to the purchase of this art piece.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Chair