

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee held via Electronic Communications, in Fort McMurray, Alberta on Wednesday, December 16, 2020, commencing at 5:00 PM.**

**Present:**

Liana Wheeldon, Culture (Arts, Culture & Heritage), Chair  
Cathy Dreier, Public-at- Large  
Gary Devison, Seniors Representative  
Gaylene Weidlich, Community Development Sector  
Keith Plowman, Business Community Representative  
Michael Sieger, Land Development Industry  
Sean Robertson, Safety and Security Sector  
Krista Balsom, Councillor

**Absent:**

Joanne Singer, Public-at- Large  
Kimberly Hooper, Oil and Gas Industry  
Sunita Sanker-Clarke, Recreation Representative  
Bill Loutitt, Indigenous Representative  
Phil Meagher, Councillor

**Administration:**

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer  
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning & Business Initiative  
Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects  
Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development  
Darlene Soucy, Acting Manager, Legislative Services  
Caitlin Sheaves, Clerk, Legislative Services

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION:**

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Keith Plowman, Business Community Representative
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Sean Robertson, Safety and Security Sector
<b>FOR:</b>	Sieger, Wheeldon, Dreier, Weidlich, Robertson, Plowman, Devison
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Singer, Hooper, Sanker-Clarke, Loutitt

**3. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

**3.1. Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting - November 18, 2020**

THAT the minutes of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committees Meeting held on November 18, 2020 be approved as presented.

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Gaylene Weidlich, Community Development Sector
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Michael Sieger, Land Development Industry
<b>FOR:</b>	Sieger, Wheeldon, Dreier, Weidlich, Robertson, Plowman, Devison
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Singer, Hooper, Sanker-Clarke, Loutitt

**4. Presentation**

**4.1. Gordon Lau, Davis Symes and Shawn Williams, Stantec and Nabil Malik and Isela Contreras-Dogbe RMWB re: Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan**

Davis Symes, Gordon Lau and Shawn Williams, Stantec, presented an overview of the Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan (DARP). It was indicated that the DARP provides a framework for the Downtown area revitalization and will replace the previous City Centre Area Redevelopment Plan, which was implemented in 2012. Various guiding principles and key factors are outlined in the plan, as well as the identified areas of focus, with the Waterfront being identified as a key anchor.

The Committee Members provided feedback on various aspects of development and what they would like to see considered and incorporated into the DARP for the revitalization of the Waterfront.

**5. New and Unfinished Business**

**5.1. Waterfront Park Project Update and Discussion**

Joshua Bernsen, Lee and Associates provided an update on the Waterfront Park Revitalization project. It was indicated that the intent is to establish the Waterfront as a key feature of the Downtown area with the Snye Point Outdoor Event Space and Waterfront Park being two top priorities. A number of objectives were outlined for the Outdoor Event Space and Festival Grounds including a space that is versatile for

hosting events year-round, accessibility, and the integration of indigenous history and public art.

Waterfront Park Project Engagement Planning:

Joshua Bernsen, Lee and Associates provided an overview of the project timeline. The engagement plan has been finalized, the RFP will close on December 22, 2020, and construction is scheduled to begin in May of 2021. The Committee raised concerns with the engagement timelines, based on the number of stakeholders that must be engaged prior to moving forward with the next phases of the project.

Involvement in the Waterfront Park Project

Joshua Bernsen, Lee and Associates advised that moving forward the Committee will be involved in various aspects of the project planning, including gathering background information, contributing feedback, and participating in community engagements.

**5.2. Review of Online Indigenous Learning Series**

Janine Kruse, Manager, Indigenous and Rural Relations provided an overview of the Indigenous Learning Series modules that have been recently launched on the municipal website. It was indicated that members of the public can now participate in two modules titled Indigenous Awareness and Moving towards Reconciliation, which are available at [rmwb.ca/trc](http://rmwb.ca/trc).

**5.3. Working Group Updates**

Michael Sieger, Committee Member, provided an update on behalf of the Arts, Culture and Leisure Working Group. It was noted that a number of groups have been identified for engagement opportunities, including various local clubs, committees, and associations, as well as consulting with those group who are currently avid users of the waterfront area.

Gary Devison, Committee Member, provided an update on behalf of the History with Seniors Working Group who have also identified various stakeholders for engagement opportunities.

No update was provided on behalf of the Indigenous Cultural Advisory Working Group.

EXIT:

Michael Sieger, Committee Member, disconnected from the meeting at 6:46 p.m.

## **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

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Chair