

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee held via Electronic Communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, February 17, 2021, commencing at 5:00 PM.

Present:

Gaylene Weidlich, Community Development Sector, Chair
Erica Brewer, Recreation Representative
Andrew Crompton, Oil and Gas Industry
Gary Devison, Seniors Representative
Cathy Dreier, Public-at- Large
Alan Gammon, Land Development Representative
Bill Loutitt, Indigenous Representative
Keith Plowman, Business Community Representative
Sean Robertson, Safety and Security Sector
David Stirling, Public-at-Large

Absent:

Liana Wheeldon, Culture (Arts, Culture & Heritage)
Phil Meagher, Councillor

Administration:

Krista Balsom, Councillor
Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager
Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects
Nina Caines, Manager, Parks
Sonia Soutter, Manager, Senior Legislative Officer
Anita Hawkins, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Gaylene Weidlich called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

With consensus of the Committee, Bill Loutitt was excused from this meeting due an ongoing scheduling conflict. The Committee discussed changing its current meeting schedule to meet the needs of the members.

MOTION:

THAT the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee meetings be held on the third Thursday of the month, commencing at 10:00 a.m.

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Bill Loutitt, Indigenous Representative
SECONDER: Keith Plowman, Business Development Representative
FOR: Loutitt, Weidlich, Robertson, Plowman, Devison, Crompton,
Brewer, Gammon, Stirling
ABSENT: Dreier, Wheeldon

Exit

Bill Loutitt left the meeting at 5:07 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Erica Brewer, Recreation Representative
SECONDER: Andrew Crompton, Oil and Gas Industry
FOR: Loutitt, Weidlich, Robertson, Plowman, Devison, Crompton, Brewer,
Gammon, Stirling
ABSENT: Dreier, Wheeldon,

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee meeting held on January 20, 2021, be approved as presented.

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Gary Devison, Seniors Representative
SECONDER: Sean Robertson, Safety and Security Sector
FOR: Loutitt, Weidlich, Robertson, Plowman, Devison, Crompton,
Brewer, Gammon, Stirling
ABSENT: Dreier, Wheeldon

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Update

Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects, indicated the Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee continues to focus on their four priorities, beautification, placemaking, neighbourhood safety and pedestrian friendliness.

Arrival

Cathy Dreier joined the meeting at 5:12 p.m.

4.2. Municipal Development Plan Phase II Update

Such Chandhiok, Planning and Development, provided an update on Phase II of the Municipal Development Plan initiative, inviting the Committee Members to provide their input and take part in the virtual open house scheduled for February 18, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

4.3. Council Meeting Follow Up

Nina Caines, Senior Manager, Parks, shared with the Committee, the resolution passed by Council at its February 9, 2021 Meeting; and provided an update on the Waterfront Project initiative.

February 9, 2021 Council Resolution: THAT the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee and Administration expand the scope of the Waterfront Park Project to celebrate our rich Indigenous history and cultures by creating connectivity through upgrades, placemaking, and markers from the location of the new Métis Cultural Centre through MacDonald Island Park's TOTAL Aboriginal Interpretative Trails to the Fort McMurray Marine Park for the purposes of tourism development, active transportation, but most importantly, reconciliation and education. This process would include engagement with all regional Indigenous communities.

4.4. Working Group Updates

There were no updates provided.

Temporary Berm

A number of questions were raised regarding the temporary berm along Clearwater Drive and regarding flood mitigation plans. It was noted an update on this matter is scheduled for the March 9, 2021 Council Meeting.

Action Items

- Administration to follow-up with the responsible department and request a representative of the department attend the next Committee meeting to address questions of the Committee members.
- Round Table will be added as a standing item on future Committee agendas.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 5:52 p.m.

Chair