

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee held via Electronic Communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, March 18, 2021, commencing at 10:00 AM.

Present:

Gaylene Weidlich, Community Development Sector, Chair
Erica Brewer, Recreation Representative
Andrew Crompton, Oil and Gas Industry
Gary Devison, Seniors Representative
Bill Loutitt, Indigenous Representative
Keith Plowman, Business Community Representative
Sean Robertson, Safety and Security Sector
David Stirling, Public-at-Large
Liana Wheeldon, Culture (Arts, Culture & Heritage)
Krista Balsom, Councillor

Absent:

Cathy Dreier, Public-at- Large
Alan Gammon, Land Development Representative
Phil Meagher, Councillor

Administration:

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development
Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development
Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects
Nina Caines, Senior Manager, Parks, Roads and Rural Operations
Sonia Soutter, Manager, Senior Legislative Officer
Anita Hawkins, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Gaylene Weidlich called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

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

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. **Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting - February 17, 2021**

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee held on February 17, 2021 be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Sean Robertson, Safety and Security Sector
SECONDER:	Liana Wheeldon, Culture (Arts, Culture & Heritage)
FOR:	Loutitt, Wheeldon, Weidlich, Robertson, Plowman, Devison, Crompton, Brewer, Stirling
ABSENT:	Dreier, Gammon

4. Presentation

4.1. **Josh Bernsen, Lee and Associates, Gregg Kahan, Urban Systems and James Roche, DTAH re: Fort McMurray Waterfront Park - Priority Area 1 Outdoor Event Space - Preliminary Concepts Review**

Josh Bernsen, Lee and Associates, noted that Urban System is the lead consultant of the Waterfront Park project and is supported by DTAH.

Arrival

Gary Devison, Committee member, joined the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

James Roche, DTAH, presented the outdoor event space preliminary concepts developed and collected feedback from the Committee members.

Exit

Sean Robertson, Committee member, left the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Further public engagement sessions are under way and it is anticipated that final design for the outdoor event space be presented to the Committee at its April meeting, leading into construction in late Spring/early Summer with completion in Fall 2021.

Vacating/Assuming of Chair

Chair Gaylene Weidlich vacated the Chair at 11:14 a.m. at which time the Chair was assumed by Vice-Chair Liana Wheeldon.

Administration advised the Committee that based on timelines, there may be a need to hold a special meeting prior to the April meeting.

Resuming of Chair

Chair Gaylene Weidlich resumed the Chair at 11:17 a.m.

5. New and Unfinished Business

5.1. Flood Mitigation Written Update Overview

Maureen Nakonechny, Project Manager for Flood Mitigation Project, provided an update on the flood mitigation work being scheduled for the summer of 2021, including construction behind Longboat Landing (Reach 7) and the public engagement sessions being held to review the three options related to the two-lane section of Clearwater Drive behind Heritage Marine Park (Reach 6).

5.2. Working Group Updates

History with Seniors

The History with Seniors Working Group has reached out to St. Aidan's Society and the Advisory Committee on Aging to gather feedback on the Waterfront Park Project. The group is meeting with Golden Years Society and St. Aidan's Society next week.

Indigenous Cultural Advisory

The Indigenous Cultural Advisory Working Group will be meeting specifically with respect to the Reconciliation Trail component of the Project and discuss the various indigenous groups to be contacted for feedback.

5.3. Roundtable

Administration suggested that the Working Groups encourage their contacts in external groups to participate in the online waterfront survey.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m., following which a Committee Workshop was held with Amy Wedlock, Advisor, Training and Development, who provided the Committee Members with a general orientation on MS Teams.

Chair