

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee held via Electronic Communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, April 7, 2021, commencing at 9:00 AM.

Present:

Bryce Kumka, Chair, Business Community
Bilal Abbas, Public-At-Large
Steven Hale, Education
Justin MacNeil, Arts, Culture and Recreation
David Secord, Business Community
Beverley Tjarera, Community Development
Ijeoma Uche-Ezeala, Public-at-Large
Curtis Williams, Community Development
Bruce Inglis, Councillor

Absent:

Diana Noble, Public-at-Large
Dan Soupal, Land Development
Scott Jackson, Oil and Gas Industry
Jin Li, Public-at-Large
Jessica Bowles, Health and Wellness

Administration:

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Business Initiatives
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development
Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects
Sonia Soutter, Manager, Senior Legislative Officer
Heather Fredeen, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair B. Kumka, called the meeting to order at 9:07 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Beverley Tjarera, Community Development
SECONDER:	Ijeoma Uche-Ezeala, Public-at-Large
FOR:	Kumka, Secord, Tjarera, Williams, Uche-Ezeala, Abbas, Hale, MacNeil
ABSENT:	Noble, Soupal, Jackson, Li, Bowles

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting - March 3, 2021

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on March 3, 2021 be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bilal Abbas, Public-At-Large
SECONDER:	Ijeoma Uche-Ezeala, Public-at-Large
FOR:	Kumka, Secord, Tjarera, Williams, Uche-Ezeala, Abbas, Hale, MacNeil
ABSENT:	Noble, Soupal, Jackson, Li, Bowles

4. Welcome and Introductions

The Committee welcomed new members, Bilal Abbas, representing the Public-At-Large sector, Stephen Hale, representing the Education Sector, and Justin MacNeil, representing the Arts, Culture and Recreation sector.

5. Presentations

5.1. Overview of the Alberta Ombudsman's Office

Kristy Larsen and Lisa Emmerzael, Investigators, Alberta Ombudsman Office, provided a presentation on the Alberta Ombudsman's complaint process indicating that the long-term goal of the Alberta Ombudsman, is to improve government processes.

Exit

C. Williams exited the meeting at 10:20 a.m.

5.2. Snye Point Outdoor Event Space Update

Josh Bernsen, Lee and Associates, and Gregg Kahan, Urban Systems, provided a presentation on the Snye Point Outdoor Event Space, a project to construct a year-round outdoor event space that would accommodate a variety of events throughout the year.

6. New and Unfinished Business

Due to time constraints and with consensus of the Committee, items 6.2., 6.3. and 6.4. were deferred to the next Committee meeting. Items 6.1. and 6.5. were reordered to allow 6.5. to proceed first.

6.5. Emerging Issues: Red Tape Reduction Notice of Motion Update

Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Business Initiatives, and Monica Lance, Project Manager, Office of the Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided an overview of the Notice of Motion served by Mayor D. Scott at the March 23, 2021 Council Meeting regarding a request for a Red Tape Reduction plan, indicating that the motion will be considered by Council at the April 13, 2021 Council Meeting.

Action Item

Chair B. Kumka will attend the April 13, 2021 Council meeting on behalf of the Committee, to speak as a delegate to the motion requesting that the timeline should be amended to 60 days.

6.1. Downtown Revitalization Incentive Program Update

Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development, provided a presentation on the Downtown Revitalization Incentive Program noting Phase 1 successes and proposed enhancements for Phase 2 of the Program. It was confirmed that Phase 2 will be before Council for consideration on April 13, 2021.

Exit

D. Secord exited the meeting at 11:05 a.m.

Action Item

Through consensus of the Committee, a letter from the Chair, B. Kumka, will be provided to Council in support of Phase 2 of the Downtown Revitalization Incentive Program.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:08 a.m.

Chair