

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee held via Electronic Communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, commencing at 9:00 AM.

Present:

Bryce Kumka, Chair
Bilal Abbas, Public-At-Large
Jessica Bowles, Health and Wellness
Steven Hale, Education
Jin Li, Public-at-Large
Justin MacNeil, Arts, Culture and Recreation
Diana Noble, Public-at-Large
David Secord, Business Community
Dan Soupal, Land Development
Beverley Tjarera, Community Development
Ijeoma Uche-Ezeala, Public-at-Large
Curtis Williams, Community Development
Bruce Inglis, Councillor

Absent:

Scott Jackson, Oil and Gas Industry

Administration:

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

1. Call to Order

Chair Bryce 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:	David Secord, Business Community
SECONDER:	Diana Noble, Public-at-Large
FOR:	Noble, Soupal, Kumka, Li, Secord, Tjarera, Williams, Uche-Ezeala, Abbas, Bowles, Hale, MacNeil
ABSENT:	Jackson

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting - April 7, 2021

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 7, 2021 be approved as presented.

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

4. Presentation

4.1. Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development re: Red Tape Reduction - Planning and Development Process Review Project Update

Exit and Return

Justin MacNeil exited the meeting at 9:15 a.m. and returned at 9:18 a.m.

Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development provided a presentation on the timeline and sequence of the Department's Process Review Project noting that process improvements are being implemented as the project progresses. It was further noted that a meeting is scheduled at the end of May 2021 to collect stakeholder feedback on the project from the Fort McMurray Chamber of Commerce, the Northeastern Alberta Aboriginal Business Association (NAABA) and the Building Industry Land Development Association Alberta (BILD).

Action

Administration to provide an update at the next Committee meeting, on the feedback received from the stakeholder meeting regarding the Planning and Development's Process Review Project taking place at the end of May 2021.

Exits and Returns

Justin MacNeil exited the meeting at 9:38 a.m. and returned at 9:54 p.m.

Diana Noble exited the meeting at 9:56 a.m. and returned at 10:02 a.m.

A discussion occurred with respect to an update by Planning and Development to Council on this project.

With consensus of the Committee, it was noted that Chair Bryce Kumka will accompany Administration as a co-presenter at the June 8, 2021 Council Meeting, to provide an update on the Planning and Development Process Review Project.

5. Unfinished Business

5.1. Municipal Development Plan Update

Such Chandhiok, Supervisor, Planning and Development, provided an update on the progress of the Municipal Development Plan project noting that the project team is reviewing information collected from phase two of the community engagement and will use the information to draft the new Municipal Development Plan.

Exit

Diana Noble exited the meeting at 10:05 a.m.

Action

Administration to provide Committee Members with the links to the current Municipal Development Plan and the new Municipal Development Plan project page.

5.2. Flood Mitigation Update

Maureen Nakonechny, Project Manager, Engineering, provided an overview of temporary flood mitigation currently in place and noted that the risk for flooding is below average this year. An overview and status update on permanent flood mitigation initiatives, including an update on permanent flood mitigation construction of Reaches 5 and 6, was also provided.

Exit

Jin Li exited the meeting at 10:31 a.m.

5.3. Insurance Advocacy

Chair Bryce Kumka provided an overview on the insurance industry's view of risk in the Region and noted that continuous advocacy of the insurance industry is required.

Exit

Justin MacNeil exited the meeting at 10:49 a.m.

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided an overview of advocacy efforts undertaken by Administration and Council as it related to availability of insurance in the Region.

With consensus of the Committee, it was noted that a letter will be provided to Council from Chair Bryce Kumka, on behalf of the Committee, supporting the advocacy efforts of the Municipality as it relates to the availability of insurance in the region.

Action

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, to provide an overview of flood mitigation projects to the Committee, including a step-by-step milestone schedule.

Prior to adjourning the meeting, the Committee passed the following motion to excuse Committee Member S. Jackson from the May 5, 2021 Committee meeting.

MOTION:

THAT Scott Jackson be excused from today's Committee Meeting, May 5, 2021.

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:04 a.m.

Chair