

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee held via Electronic Communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, May 20, 2021, commencing at 10:00 AM.

Present:

Gaylene Weidlich, Community Development Sector, Chair
Gary Devison, Seniors Representative
Cathy Dreier, Public-at- Large
Bill Loutitt, Indigenous Representative
Keith Plowman, Business Community
David Stirling, Public-At-Large
Liana Wheeldon, Culture (Arts, Culture & Heritage)
Krista Balsom, Councillor

Absent:

Erica Brewer, Recreation Representative
Andrew Crompton, Oil and Gas Industry
Alan Gammon, Land Development Industry
Sean Robertson, Safety and Security Sector
Phil Meagher, Councillor

Administration:

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dennis Fraser, Director, Indigenous and Rural Relations
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Business Initiatives
Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer, Legislative Services
Sonia Soutter, Manager, Senior Legislative Officer, Legislative Services
Destiny Hilliard, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair, Gaylene Weidlich, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION

THAT the agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Liana Wheeldon
SECONDER:	Cathy Dreier
FOR:	Loutitt, Wheeldon, Dreier, Weidlich, Plowman, Devison, Stirling
ABSENT:	Robertson, Crompton, Brewer, Gammon

3. Minutes of April 15, 2021

3.1. Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting - April 15, 2021

MOTION

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee held on April 15, 2021 be approved as presented.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Loutitt
SECONDER:	Cathy Dreier
FOR:	Loutitt, Wheeldon, Dreier, Weidlich, Plowman, Devison, Stirling
ABSENT:	Robertson, Crompton, Brewer, Gammon

4. Presentation

4.1. Bill Loutitt, Corey Hobbs, McMurray Métis, Jeff Sandeman, Casman Group of Companies, T. Maginnis Cocivera, Geneviève Noël, Mindful Architecture, re: McMurray Métis Cultural Centre

Bill Loutitt, Committee Member and CEO McMurray Métis Local 1935, introduced the presenters and spoke on the importance of the McMurray Métis Cultural Centre and the positive impact the centre will have on the region, and the region's Indigenous Peoples as it would be a great opportunity for reconciliation.

T. Maginnis Cocivera and Genevieve Noel, architects, Mindful Architecture, presented the design plans for the McMurray Métis Cultural Centre noting the plan includes highly sustainable concepts that connects with nature, represents biodiversity and uses local energy.

The design of the facility is to host community and business events, a museum for Métis culture, a sacred spot for intergenerational teaching among the Métis, a European style theatre and an art gallery. The second level will contain McMurray Métis offices, rental offices, and a kitchen for the working spaces to gather.

Entrance

Gary Devison, Committee Member, joined the meeting at 10:30 a.m.

Bill Loutitt, Committee Member, exited the meeting due to pecuniary interest at 10:50 a.m.

MOTION

THAT the Committee agree with the addition of the Métis Cultural Centre as part of the Waterfront Re-development; and

THAT a letter to this regard be provided to Council.

RESULT:	CARRIED [6 TO 0]
MOVER:	Keith Plowman
SECONDER:	Liana Wheeldon
FOR:	Wheeldon, Dreier, Weidlich, Plowman, Devison, Stirling
PECUNIARY INTEREST:	Loutitt
ABSENT:	Robertson, Crompton, Brewer, Gammon

Return

Bill Loutitt, Committee Member, rejoined the meeting at 11:06 a.m.

4.2. Janine Kruse, Manager, Indigenous and Rural Relations, re: Moccasin Flats Memorial

Janice Kruse, Manager, Indigenous and Rural Relations, provided an overview of the Moccasin Flats Memorial and provided a brief overview of the history of Moccasin Flats. It was noted that the public engagement survey conducted by McMurray Métis, was used to refine the memorial design concepts and the next steps in the process.

4.3. Karen Puga, Lead Coordinator, Culture and Social Development re: Wood Buffalo Public Art Plan

Karen Puga, Lead Coordinator, Culture and Social Development, presented the 2021 Wood Buffalo Public Art Plan, noting the plan's vision is to broaden the regions culture through the creation and development of public art.

Exit and Return

Cathy Dreier, Committee Member, exited the meeting at 11:22 a.m. and rejoined at 11:27 a.m.

It was noted the Wood Buffalo Public Art Plan will be presented at the May 25, 2021 Council Meeting for consideration.

5. New and Unfinished Business

5.1. Josh Bernsen, Lees and Associates, Gregg Kahan, Urban Systems and James Roche, DTAH re: Waterfront Park Project Update

Josh Bernsen, Lees and Associates, and Yvonne Batista, DTAH, provided an overview of the preferred design concept for the Waterfront Park Design, noting the first stage of construction will begin in 2021 with the more significant stage of construction beginning in 2022.

The Committee provided feedback and suggestions on the proposed design concepts and it was requested that a special meeting be held to hear more detailed comments on the plan.

Action Item:

Administration to schedule a Special Meeting for the Committee to receive a more comprehensive presentation of the Waterfront Project.

5.2. Roundtable

Stephen Fudge, Manager, Public Works, Parks, clarified the new dock at the Snye is part of the river front trail and docks capital project.

Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects, noted the Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism is working on a five-year strategic plan and is seeking input from the Committee. It was noted that this item would be reflected as a potential agenda item for the next Committee Meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:55 a.m.

Chair