

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee held via Electronic Communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, commencing at 9:00 AM.

Present:

Bryce Kumka, Chair
Bilal Abbas, Public-At-Large
Jessica Bowles, Health and Wellness
Steven Hale, Education
Scott Jackson, Oil and Gas Industry
Jin Li, Public-at-Large
Diana Noble, Public-at-Large
David Secord, Business Community
Dan Soupal, Land Development
Beverley Tjarera, Community Development
Ijeoma Uche-Ezeala, Public-at-Large
Bruce Inglis, Councillor

Absent:

Justin MacNeil, Arts, Culture and Recreation
Curtis Williams, Community Development

Administration:

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management
Amanda Haitas, Acting Director, Planning and Development
Monica Lance, Manager, Strategic Planning and Program Management
Sonia Soutter, Manager, Senior Legislative Officer
Heather Fredeen, Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order

Chair Bryce Kumka called the meeting to order at 9:02 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Secord
SECONDER:	Jin Li
FOR:	Noble, Soupal, Kumka, Li, Secord, Uche-Ezeala, Abbas, Bowles, Hale
ABSENT:	Jackson, Tjarera, Williams, MacNeil

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting - May 5, 2021

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on May 5, 2021, be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Diana Noble
SECONDER:	Dan Soupal
FOR:	Noble, Soupal, Kumka, Li, Secord, Uche-Ezeala, Abbas, Bowles, Hale
ABSENT:	Jackson, Tjarera, Williams, MacNeil

4. Presentations

4.1. Kevin Weidlich, Chief Executive Officer and Lisa Sweet, Director, Business and Investment Attraction, Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism Update

Kevin Weidlich, Chief Executive Officer, and Lisa Sweet, Director, Business and Investment Attraction, Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism (FMWBEDT), provided an update on business attraction, entrepreneurship, and innovation initiatives that the FMWBEDT has been working on, as well as an overview of the 5-year Economic Development and Tourism Strategy. It was noted that the FMWBEDT is undertaking a regional labour study involving 11 regional stakeholders, which will provide a 5-year forecast of regional labour needs. An invitation was extended to the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee (WBDAC), for 2-4 members to take part in the study which is expected to conclude at the end of June.

Entrances, Exits and Returns

- S. Jackson entered the meeting at 9:10 a.m.
- B. Tjarera entered the meeting at 9:17 a.m.
- D. Noble exited the meeting at 9:30 a.m. and returned at 9:32 a.m.

With consensus of the Committee, it was determined that selection of Committee Members to participate in the labour study will follow agenda item 5.2. Matthew Hough Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Update.

4.2. David Symes and Gordon Lau, Stantec, re: Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan Update

Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development, provided an update on the Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan.

5. New and Unfinished Business

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

Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development, provided an update on the Department's process review project and noted that details of the project would be presented to Council at the June 8, 2021, Council meeting in which Chair Bryce Kumka will be co-presenting.

5.2. Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer Update

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided an update on flood mitigation and reviewed a presentation from Associated Engineering which was presented to Council at the December 15, 2020, Council meeting. It was noted that Council mandated flood mitigation to a 1:200-year standard.

4.1. Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism Update (Continued)

Following a random draw of Committee members interested in participating in the Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism's five-year strategic plan focus group, the following motion was made:

MOTION:

THAT Committee Members Beverley Tjarera, Scott Jackson, Bryce Kumka and Jin Lee, participate on behalf of the Committee, in the Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism's Five-year Strategic Plan Focus Group.

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

5.3. Insurance Advocacy

Chair Bryce Kumka provided an update to the Committee noting that Council will be considering the submission of resolutions to the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association (AUMA) and Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) regarding a National Flood Insurance Strategy and Community Resiliency Advocacy at the June 8, 2021, Council meeting.

With consensus of the Committee, it was determined that Chair Bryce Kumka will speak on behalf of the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee, at the June 8, 2021, Council Meeting in support of the proposed AUMA & FCM Resolutions re: National Flood Insurance Strategy and Community Resiliency Advocacy.

Action

Administration to provide the Committee with a briefing note to include statistical information on insurance claims in the Region.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:11 a.m.

Chair