

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

Present:

Bryce Kumka, Chair
Bilal Abbas, Public-At-Large
Jessica Bowles, Health and Wellness Field
Steven Hale, Education Sector
Scott Jackson, Oil and Gas Industry
David Secord, Business Community
Dan Soupal, Land Development Industry
Ijeoma Uche-Ezeala, Public-At-Large
Beverley Tjarera, Community Development

Absent:

Diana Noble, Public-At-Large
Jin Li, Public-At-Large
Curtis Williams, Community Development
Justin MacNeil, Arts, Culture and Recreation Sector
Bruce Inglis, Councillor

Administration:

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Christopher Booth, Acting Director, Planning and Development
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management
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 9:02 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Dan Soupal, Land Development Industry
SECONDER:	Beverley Tjarera, Community Development
FOR:	Soupal, Kumka, Jackson, Secord, Tjarera, Uche-Ezeala, Abbas, Bowles, Hale
ABSENT:	Noble, Li, Williams, Macneil

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting - June 2, 2021

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 2, 2021, be approved as presented.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Secord, Business Community
SECONDER:	Scott Jackson, Oil and Gas Industry
FOR:	Soupal, Kumka, Jackson, Secord, Tjarera, Uche-Ezeala, Abbas, Bowles, Hale
ABSENT:	Noble, Li, Williams, Macneil

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Council Strategic Plan Progress Update

Christopher Booth, Acting Director, Planning and Development provided a progress update on Council's Strategic Plan as it relates to the Planning and Development Department, including the status of the new Land Use Bylaw, permitting statistics and the Downtown Redevelopment project.

4.2. Red Tape Reduction - Planning and Development Process Review Project Update

Christopher Booth, Acting Director, Planning and Development, provided an update on the Red Tape Reduction - Planning and Development Process Review Project, noting that a proponent has been selected to oversee the project. It was also noted that a Public Hearing will be held on July 13, 2021, for the Change of Use process improvements as it relates to Permitted Uses.

4.3. Red Tape Reduction - Brainstorm Session

The Committee discussed their upcoming meeting regarding Red Tape Reduction with the Honourable Prasad Panda, Minister of Infrastructure scheduled for later in the day.

Action

Administration committed to providing an update on regulations and jurisdiction of land around the water ways.

4.4. Committee Presentations to Council Follow-up

Chair Bryce Kumka provided a briefing on recent presentations to Council on behalf of the Committee, regarding support for a National Flood Insurance Strategy resolution to the Alberta Urban Municipalities Association and the Federation of Canadian Municipalities, as well as support for the Planning and Development Red Tape Reduction - Process Review Project, noting that the presentations were well received by Council.

4.5. Summer Meeting Schedule

With consensus of the Committee, no changes were made to the Committee's summer meeting schedule.

Action

S. Jackson requested that the Committee have a discussion at an upcoming meeting, regarding a municipal infrastructure project to assist small businesses.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:12 p.m.

Chair