

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee held via electronic communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, October 5, 2022, commencing at 9:00 AM.

Present:

Bryce Kumka, Business Community (Chair)
David Secord, Business Community Representative (Vice-Chair)
Bilal Abbas, Public-At-Large
Steven Hale, Education Sector
Dan Soupal, Land Development Industry
Ijeoma Uche-Ezeala, Public-At-Large
Jennifer Vardy, Public-At-Large
Raj Vasal, Community Development
Rene Wells, Public-At-Large
Curtis Williams, Community Development

Absent:

Justin Ellis, Public-At-Large
Alex McKenzie, Land Development Sector
Stu Wigle, Councillor

Administration:

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development
Monica Lance, Manager, Strategic Planning and Program Management
Heather Fredeen, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Bryce Kumka called the meeting to order at 9:01 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	David Secord
SECONDER:	Jennifer Vardy
FOR:	Kumka, Abbas, Hale, Secord, Uche-Ezeala, Vardy, Vasal, Williams, Soupal, Wells
ABSENT:	Ellis, McKenzie

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting - July 6, 2022

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on July 6, 2022, be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Raj Vasal
SECONDER:	Rene J.K. Wells
FOR:	Kumka, Abbas, Hale, Secord, Uche-Ezeala, Vardy, Vasal, Williams, Soupai, Wells
ABSENT:	Ellis, McKenzie

4. Committee Agenda Items

4.1. Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism 5-Year Plan

Andrea Haley, Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism (FMWBEDT), provided a presentation on the FMWBEDT's five-year strategy for regional economic development, including the organizational vision, mission, values, and strategic goals which includes entrepreneurship, supporting innovation, attracting new business, branding and marketing of the Region, and pursuing organizational excellence.

4.2. Planning and Development Process Review Project Council Presentation Update

Chair Bryce Kumka, Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development and Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development, provided an overview of the presentation to Council at their September 27, 2022 meeting, regarding the Planning and Development's Process Review Project, indicating that it was well received by Council. It was noted that all 92 recommendations for improvements contained in the report have assigned key performance indicators which Administration will report to the Committee and Council. It was further noted that work on improvements to the Planning and Development's webpage has commenced to improve accessibility and customization.

4.3. Associate Minister, Red Tape Reduction Meeting Briefing

Bryce Kumka, Chair, provided an overview of the Committee's meeting with the Honorable Tanya Fir, Associate Minister, Red Tape Reduction, held on September 28, 2022, indicating that Minister Fir has also recently been appointed as Minister of Economic Development, Trade and Tourism and now holds two portfolios. Meeting discussion topics included intermunicipal business licensing, assessment practices for industrial properties and the need for a forum or round table for municipal leaders around the Province to share experiences and best practices.

Action

Chair Bryce Kumka will circulate the September 28, 2022 meeting notes, provided by Minister Fir's office, to the Committee members.

4.4. Strategic Priority Planning Session - Working Group Update and Next Steps

Bryce Kumka, Chair, indicated that the working group has been working towards a process for the facilitation of a committee priority planning session and indicated that a link to an "IdeaBoardz" will be circulated where members can contribute their thoughts regarding what the Committee priorities should be. It was further noted that a session would be planned within 30-days to gather "IdeaBoardz" contributions and organize them into the Committee's priorities.

Action

Administration will canvas the Committee members for availability for a Committee priority planning session to be held in the last week of October 2022.

4.5. Downtown Area Re-Development Plan Project Status Update

Selina Chen, Supervisor, Planning and Development, Development Control and Permitting, provided an update on the Downtown Area Re-Development Plan project noting that the second draft of the plan would be received next week and will be circulated internally for review. Community Engagement will launch in mid-October, with receipt of the results expected by November.

4.6. Land Use Bylaw Project Status Update

Chris Booth, Manager, Community Development Planning, Planning and Development, provided an update on the Land Use Bylaw project, noting that Community engagement is ongoing and that upcoming engagements will take a closer look into specific regulations. It was noted that there has been progress regarding references to the Community of Draper and further noted that work continues on regulations regarding signage.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:34 a.m.

Chair