

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in the Room 207 at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, March 1, 2023, commencing at 5:30 PM.

Present:

Owen Erskine, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Representative (via MS Teams)
Brienne English, Oil and Gas Industry (via MS Teams)
Jean-Marc Guillamot, Business Community (via MS Teams)
Ahmed Jouda, Public-At-Large
Nayef Mahgoub, Land Development Sector
Marty Noskey, Indigenous Representative (via MS Teams)
Ijeoma Uche-Ezeala, Public-At-Large (via MS Teams)
Lance Bussieres, Councillor

Absent:

Chantal Beaver, Public-At-Large
Henry Hunter, Education Sector
Ayisha Salman, Public-At-Large
Melanie Walsh, Community Development Sector
Funky Banjoko, Councillor

Administration:

Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management
Kevin Meacher, Department Administrator, Strategic Planning and Program Management
Darlene Soucy, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Owen Erskine called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Minutes of Previous Meetings

2.1. Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee Meeting - February 1, 2023

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee Meeting held on February 1, 2023, be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Nayef Mahgoub
SECONDER:	Marty Noskey
FOR:	Erskine, English, Guillamot, Jouda, Mahgoub, Noskey, Uche-Ezeala
ABSENT:	Beaver, Hunter, Salman, Walsh

3. New and Unfinished Business

3.1. Waterfront Project Update

Joshua Bernson, Senior Landscape Architect, Lee and Associates, presented an overview of the Waterfront Project, noting how the project evolved to its current stage and the next steps which include reviewing the current design and generating a revised concept design as mandated by Council.

3.2. Saunderson Pressure Reducing Valve Project Overview

Mason Ross, Project Manager, Engineering, presented an overview of the Saunderson Pressure Reducing Valve Project and the downtown deep utility upgrades to maximize the operational ability to supply water to downtown distribution systems while meeting demands for areas south of the Urban Service Area. It was noted that an added benefit of the upgrades would be the implementation of downtown revitalization measures, including streetscape improvements.

Action Item

Administration committed to providing additional information about the soil cell technology that will be installed as part of the streetscape improvements with the Saunderson Pressure Reducing Valve Project.

3.3. Temporary Flood Mitigation Update

Mason Ross, Project Manager, Engineering, presented an overview of the temporary flood mitigation measures being implemented for 2023, including a combination of triple dams, muscle walls, temporary clay berms and large sandbags to close gaps in existing permanent structural mitigation.

3.4. Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan Update

Christopher Booth, Manager, Community Development Planning, presented an update on the Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan (DARP), noting that the second phase of public engagement is scheduled to begin at the end of March, and that the DARP would be going to Council later this year. It was noted that the Committee would be able to provide input on the DARP at its April meeting.

3.5. Update to Committee re: Annual Report to Council

Chair Owen Erskine reported on the presentation made to Council on February 14, 2023, highlighting the Committee's ongoing teamwork with Administration on the approved priorities, infrastructure, and enhancement actions, including completion of Kiyām Community Park construction, opening of the Downtown Community Policing Office, continued implementation of the Downtown Revitalization Incentive Program, and the development of the Wayfinding Strategy and Downtown Plan.

3.6. 2023 Committee Meeting Schedule

Kevin Meacher, Department Administrator, provided an overview of the Committee's responses regarding their preferences for which Wednesday of the month that the regular meeting would be held beginning at 5:30 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT regular Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee meetings be held at 5:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month with, the exception of any statutory holidays and scheduled recess periods.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brianne English
SECONDER:	Ahmed Jouda
FOR:	Erskine, English, Guillamot, Jouda, Mahgoub, Noskey, Uche-Ezeala
ABSENT:	Beaver, Hunter, Salman, Walsh

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:18 p.m.

Chair