

**Minutes of a Meeting of the Public Art Committee held in Timberlea Landing, 309 Powder Drive, Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, September 13, 2023, commencing at 6:00 PM.**

**Present:**

Sharon Heading, Chair  
Todd Hillier, Vice Chair  
Sangeeta Varshney  
Sorina Doiculescu  
Zulkifl Mujahid  
Lance Bussieres, Councillor

**Absent:**

Greg MacAulay  
Romana Kashif

**Administration:**

Isela Contreras-Dogbe, Supervisor, Culture and Social Development  
Karen Puga, Lead Community Coordinator, Community and Protective Services  
Theresa Buller, Department Administrator, Community and Protective Services  
Destiny Gale, Clerk, Legislative Services

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Sharon Heading called the meeting to order at 6:07 p.m.

**2. Adoption of Agenda**

**MOTION:**

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                      |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Sorina Doiculescu                               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Todd Hillier                                    |
| <b>FOR:</b>      | Doiculescu, Heading, Hillier, Mujahid, Varshney |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Kashif, MacAulay                                |

### **3. Minutes of Previous Meetings**

#### **3.1. Public Art Committee Meeting - April 12, 2023**

##### **MOTION:**

THAT the Minutes of the Public Art Committee Meeting held on April 12, 2023 be accepted as presented.

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| <b>RESULT:</b>   | <b>ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]</b>                     |
| <b>MOVER:</b>    | Sangeeta Varshney                               |
| <b>SECONDER:</b> | Todd Hillier                                    |
| <b>FOR:</b>      | Doiculescu, Heading, Hillier, Mujahid, Varshney |
| <b>ABSENT:</b>   | Kashif, MacAulay                                |

### **4. New and Unfinished Business**

#### **4.1. 2023 Public Art Workplan - Updates**

Theresa Buller, Department Administrator, Community and Protective Services, gave a brief overview of the 2023 Public Art Workplan, noting that the 2023 Banner Program received 83 submissions including submissions from Fort Chipewyan, Fort McKay and Conklin. It was further noted that 14 banners were chosen as finalists and have since been placed throughout the region.

In addition, Fort Chipewyan Bench Program is currently underway, with the selection panel consisting of three elders from Fort Chipewyan and a Municipal staff member. It was further noted that once the program is complete, two benches will be selected with one placed in Fort Chipewyan and one placed in the Urban Service Area.

It was shared that the Public Art Committee supported the Downtown Revitalization Incentives Program as well as the artwork completed on the exterior of the downtown Salvation Army building.

Art Curator, Jess Croucher, continues to work on art projects in the gallery space at Jubilee Plaza, noting that the next and final exhibition will be completed on September 25, 2023. Committee Members discussed options for future plans in Jubilee's gallery space.

Administration indicated there is a current call out for artwork that will be used in the wrap program on garbage bins and traffic control cabinets throughout the region. Committee Members discussed collaboration with the Bank of Montreal located on Franklin Avenue regarding the creation of an art piece on the exterior of the building.

The call for artists on this project will be open until October 11, 2023. Discussion also took place with respect to future options for the Acquisitions Program.

#### **4.2. igNIGHT Program Discussion**

Theresa Buller, Department Administrator, Community and Protective Services, provided a brief overview of the 2023 IgNIGHT Program. It was noted that the event will take place October 13 - October 22, the theme will be Transportation and the event will be held at Kiyām Park.

Committee Members discussed available volunteer positions during the event.

#### Exit

Zulkifl Mujahid exited the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

#### **4.3. 2024 Public Art Workplan – Proposed Projects**

Committee Members discussed proposed projects for the 2024 Public Art Workplan noting the importance of the Acquisition Program, the development of Collection Management, the Artists in Community Program, the Temporary Art Mural Program, the Banner Program, the Downtown Revitalization Incentive Program, The Snye Development Area Plan, the Abasand Skate Park Feature, the Public Art Bench Program in Fort McKay, and the project that the Public Art Committee will be collaborating on with the Regional Advisory Committee of Inclusion Diversity and Equity.

#### **4.4. Roundtable**

Committee Members discussed presenting the 2023 Public Art Review to Council. With consensus, the committee decided the 2023 Public Art Review presentation to Council will be scheduled for an upcoming Council meeting in 2024.

It was further noted that the next Public Art Committee meeting will be held on November 8 2023.

#### **Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 7:47 p.m.

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Chair