

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee held in Room 207, at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, October 12, 2023, commencing at 5:30 PM.

Present:

Erica Brewer, Public-At-Large
Gary Devison, Seniors Representative
Bill Loutitt, Indigenous Representative
Denise Martineau, Public-At-Large
Brandon Price, Business Community Representative
Rene Wells, Law Enforcement Representative
Ken Ball, Councillor

Absent:

Greg MacAulay, Oil and Gas Industry
Ana Maria Mendez-Barks, Community Development Representative
Mitch Mercredi, Land Development Sector
Ayisha Salman, Public-At-Large
Liana Wheeldon, Culture (Arts, Culture & Heritage)
Stu Wigle, Councillor

Administration:

Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management

1. Call to Order

Chair E. Brewer called the meeting to order at 5:43 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Rene Wells |
| SECONDER: | Gary Devison |
| FOR: | Brewer, Devison, Loutitt, Martineau, Price, Wells |
| ABSENT: | MacAulay, Mendez, Mercredi, Salman, Wheeldon |

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Special Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting - August 23, 2023

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Special Wood Buffalo Advisory Committee Meeting held on August 23, 2023, be approved as presented.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Gary Devison |
| SECONDER: | Denise Martineau |
| FOR: | Brewer, Devison, Loutitt, Martineau, Price, Wells, |
| ABSENT: | MacAulay, Mendez, Mercredi, Salman, Wheeldon |

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Waterfront Park Project Overview/Orientation

Chair E. Brewer provided an overview of the Waterfront Park Project to date including presentation to Council and an update with respect to a discussion and meeting held with Interim Chief Administrative Officer J. Butz.

4.2. Round Table

The Committee shared roundtable comments with respect to the Waterfront Park Project, the Project's progress, the structure of the Committee amongst concerns with information and the way in which information is being shared with the Committee.

Chair E. Brewer spoke to concerns with not providing a recommendation to Council on moving Morimoto Drive based on the advice provided at the last Committee meeting. It was also noted that she attended two recent events at the Snye noting that although there was no precipitation, she did not observe any damage to the area.

R. Wells provided examples of his involvement with other projects in the past and the approach taken regarding project management and his perception of the lack of controls in place surrounding this project.

Councillor K. Ball provided insight into the history of the Project and raised concerns surrounding transparency and information and advice being provided to the Committee and the overall interpretation of the original intent of the project.

D. Martineau agreed with the comments and noted that information requested by Committee Members is not being provided back in a reasonable time frame and concerns with consistency in information being shared.

A discussion occurred with respect to the discussion that occurred during the Special Committee Meeting of August 23, 2023 supporting the move of Morimoto Drive and motion approved by the Committee. Concerns were raised with respect to the lack of plan to utilize the space should Morimoto Drive be moved.

G. Devison spoke to his interest in seeing Morimoto Drive move however, raised overall concerns with the approach taken to date.

A further conversation occurred with respect to flood mitigation and the lack of information shared with the Committee in this regard and the risk of re-work if the two projects were not appropriately timed or coordinated. Concerns were raised regarding the pathways along the waterfront, Reach 5 and Reach 6 of the flood mitigation project.

MOTION:

THAT the Committee pause discussions on Reach 6 until such time that Administration has a plan for Flood Mitigation.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Gary Devison |
| SECONDER: | Brandon Price |
| FOR: | Brewer, Devison, Loutitt, Martineau, Price, Wells |
| ABSENT: | MacAulay, Mendez, Mercredi, Salman, Wheeldon |

4.3. Next Steps

Committee Members provided Administration with questions that will be brought to Administration for review and response. As next steps, K. Hansen will work with Chair E. Brewer to discuss presenting the information as a follow up to the questions of the Committee at the next Committee meetings.

MOTION:

THAT the Committee support proceeding to tender Hardin Street East, as presented to Council, with the exclusion of Morimoto Drive.

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| RESULT: | CARRIED [UNANIMOUS] |
| MOVER: | Brandon Price |
| SECONDER: | Rene Wells |
| FOR: | Brewer, Devison, Loutitt, Martineau, Price, Wells |
| ABSENT: | MacAulay, Mendez, Mercredi, Salman, Wheeldon |

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:02 p.m.

Chair