

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held via Electronic Communications, in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, July 22, 2020, commencing at 9:00 AM.

Present:

Diana Noble, Chair - Public-at-Large
David Secord, Vice Chair - Business Community
Ana Mendez-Barks, Member - Arts, Culture and Recreation Sector
Mark Burris, Member - Health & Wellness
Scott Jackson, Member - Oil and Gas Industry
Mike Jones, Member - Public-at-Large
Dan Soupai, Member - Land Development
Curtis Williams, Member - Community Development
Jane Stroud, Councillor

Absent:

Bryce Kumka, Member - Business Community
Jin Li, Member - Public-at-Large

Administration:

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development
Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects
Heather Fredeen, Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order

Chair, Diana Noble, called the meeting to order at 9:05 a.m.

2. New and Unfinished Business

2.1. Committee Membership Update

Heather Fredeen, Legislative Officer, Provided an update on two vacant position due to recent resignations of two committee members. Recruitment to fill one of the vacant positions will be launched in August 2020.

2.2. Review of Action Log

Discussion of this item was deferred until the next Committee Meeting.

2.3. Deputy Chief Administrative Officer - COVID-19 and 2020 Flood Update

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided an overview of the Municipality's response to the COVID-19 pandemic and indicated that relaunch plans are in progress; however, the safety of municipal staff is paramount.

The Deputy Chief Administrative Officer indicated that the *Improving Community Resilience: 2020 Overland Flood Considerations in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo* Report was presented to Council on July 14, 2020 and a Special Council Meeting will take place on July 28, 2020 in which Council will consider Administration's recommendations for flood mitigation.

2.4. Project Updates

Kevin Weidlich - Business Recovery Task Force Report

Kevin Weidlich, Chief Executive Officer, Economic Development Corporation, provided a presentation on the Wood Buffalo Economic Development Corporation and the Business Recovery Task Force's action items and suggested that collaboration efforts between the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee and the Business Recovery Task Force would be beneficial.

Downtown Revitalization Incentives Program

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, provided an overview of the Downtown Revitalization Incentives Program and indicated that there has been a lot of interest since the intake for applications opened on June 29, 2020.

Downtown Revitalization Tax Incentive Program

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development indicated that the Downtown Revitalization Tax Incentives Program has also received a lot of interest and indicated that applications would be accepted until December 31, 2020.

Land Use Bylaw

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, provided an update on the proposed Land Use Bylaw and indicated that the COVID-19 pandemic has delayed the project, but the Department hopes to have 1st reading before Council in September.

Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan

Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development, updated the Committee on the Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan and indicated Administration is awaiting Council's direction on flood mitigation. Public engagement for this initiative is scheduled for August.

2.5. Review Committee Priorities

Chair, Diana Noble, provided an overview of the Committee's priorities and suggested that the Committee Members review the priorities at the next Committee Meeting to determine relevance.

2.6. Discussion: Committee Survey Status

Discussion of this item was deferred until the next Committee Meeting.

2.7. Meeting Schedule

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday August 5, 2020.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:02 a.m.

Chair