

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee held via Electronic Communication, a combination of video conference and teleconference, in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, May 5, 2021, commencing at 5:00 PM.

Present:

Roy Williams, Chair, Land Development Industry
Brienne English, Oil and Gas Industry
Owen Erskine, Recreation, Culture and Heritage
Carolyn Evancio, Seniors Resource Committee
Cheryl Golosky, Indigenous Representative
Todd Hillier, Safety and Security Sector
Henry Hunter, Education
Renee Moulard, Public-At-Large
Melanie Walsh, Community Development
Mike Allen, Councillor
Verna Murphy, Councillor

Absent:

Jean-Marc Guillamot, Business Community
Sheri Pidhirney, Business Community

Administration:

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Amanda Haitas, Acting Director, Planning and Development
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Business Initiatives
Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications and Engagement
Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects
Darlene Soucy, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Roy Williams called the meeting to order at 5:02 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Melanie Walsh, Community Development
SECONDER:	Owen Erskine, Recreation, Culture and Heritage
FOR:	Golosky, Walsh, Mouland, Williams, Hillier, Erskine, Hunter, English, Evancio
ABSENT:	Pidhirney, Guillamot

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee Meeting – April 7, 2021

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 7, 2021 be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Renee Mouland, Public-at-Large
SECONDER:	Henry Hunter, Education
FOR:	Golosky, Walsh, Mouland, Williams, Hillier, Erskine, Hunter, English, Evancio
ABSENT:	Pidhirney, Guillamot

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Franklin and Main Park Project Update

Bipul Bhowmik, Transportation Engineer, Engineering, provided an update on the Franklin and Main Park Project, noting that the tender for the project has been awarded to Wilco Contractors Northwest Inc. and that construction of the Park is expected to be completed by the end of the 2021 construction season.

Bober Raja, Supervisor, Financial Services, provided an update on the grant funding applications for the Franklin and Main Park Project, noting that, if approved, the Canada Infrastructure Program Grant could cover up to 80%, of eligible costs or approximately \$3.8 million and the Canada Healthy Communities Initiative Grant would be for up to \$250,000.

Christopher Booth, Manager, Community Development Planning, noted that the development permit for the Franklin and Main Park has been approved with no requirement for subdivision approval.

Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects, provided an update on the naming of the Franklin and Main Park, noting that the Community Identification Committee has recommended that the Park be named “Kiyām Community Park”. It was noted that

Kiyām means ‘let it be’ in both Cree and Michif and is a common term in the Cree language often used to mean ‘when you’re truly at peace with yourself and your surroundings, and nothing anyone does or says can or will affect you, and no negativity or malice will touch you’. It was also noted that the name is pending Council approval in June, which is also National Indigenous History Month.

4.2. Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan Update

Amanda Haitas, Acting Director, Planning and Development, provided an update on the Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan (DARP), noting that it would be presented to Council in June or July and that at the next Committee meeting, there will be a presentation on the DARP, and feedback will be solicited from Committee Members.

It was also noted that the Downtown Revitalization Incentive Program Phase 2 was recently approved by Council and included, but is not limited to, funding for patio grants of up to 75% of the project cost to a maximum of \$15,000 per eligible building, and a 75% grant of up to \$30,000 per eligible building for murals.

Disconnect and Reconnect

Councillor Mike Allen disconnected from the meeting at 5:14 p.m. and reconnected at 5:19 p.m.

4.3. Working Group Updates

The Working Groups reviewed the status of their initiatives, priorities and recommended infrastructure and enhancement actions, which they will prioritize at their next Working Group meetings.

With consensus of the Committee, Councillor Verna Murphy will join Working Group 1 - Beautification and Placemaking and Councillor Mike Allen will join Working Group 2 - Neighbourhood Safety and Pedestrian Friendliness.

Disconnects and Reconnect

Councillor Mike Allen disconnected from the meeting at 5:35 p.m. and reconnected at 5:36 p.m.

Councillor Mike Allen disconnected from the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:09 p.m.

Chair