

Minutes of a Community Identification Committee held via Electronic Communications, in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, September 15, 2021, commencing at 5:30 PM.

Present:

Phil Meagher, Councillor, Chair
Cathy Dreier, Fort McMurray Historical Society Representative
Carrie Loy, Public-At-Large
Chantelle Tatum, Public-At-Large

Absent:

Bruce Inglis, Councillor

Administration:

Such Chandhiok, Supervisor, Planning and Development
Deepinder Dhaliwal, Planner, Planning and Development
Anita Hawkins, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Phil Meagher called the meeting to order at 5:35 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cathy Dreier
SECONDER:	Carrie Loy
FOR:	Dreier, Loy, Tatum, Meagher
ABSENT:	Inglis

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Community Identification Committee Meeting - March 25, 2021

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Community Identification Committee meeting held on March 25, 2021 be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Chantelle Tatum
SECONDER:	Cathy Dreier,
FOR:	Dreier, Loy, Tatum, Meagher
ABSENT:	Inglis

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Community Identification System Policy (LDI-010) Amendment

Deepinder Dhaliwal, Planning and Development, introduced the proposed amendment to the Policy, which resulted from the December 3, 2020 Council resolution "That Administration bring forward an amendment to the Community Identification Committee Policy to include recognizing the history of our Region."

MOTION:

THAT the Community Identification System Policy LDI-010 be amended by re-wording objective (d) to read: "recognize the history of the region, inclusive of honouring indigenous place names and history".

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cathy Dreier
SECONDER:	Carrie Loy
FOR:	Dreier, Loy, Tatum, Meagher
ABSENT:	Inglis

MOTION:

THAT the amendment to the Community Identification System Policy LDI-010 be brought forward to Council for their consideration.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cathy Dreier, Public-At-Large
SECONDER:	Chantelle Tatum
FOR:	Dreier, Loy, Tatum, Meagher
ABSENT:	Inglis

4.3. Naming Request - Park at Beacon Hill

The Committee considered the proposed names for naming the Park at Beacon Hill which originated as a commemoration project to honour the community's past and on-going experiences with the 2016 Horse River Wildfire, pay respect to first responders and remember lives lost.

MOTION:

THAT the Community Identification Committee recommend to Council that the Park at Beacon Hill be named "Reflections Lookout".

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Chantelle Tatum
SECONDER:	Carrie Loy
FOR:	Dreier, Loy, Tatum, Meagher
ABSENT:	Inglis

4.4. Name Nominations: - Robert Vargo - Raymond John Dionne

Deepinder Dhaliwal, Planning and Development, provided an overview of the applications received with respect to the names "Robert Vargo" and "Raymond John Dionne".

Robert Vargo - The family has requested that the name be used on the walkway down by the Snye, close to where he used to live.

Raymond John Dionne - The family requested that the name be used on the "Franklin and Main Park" which has since been named the "Kiyām Community Park". It has been confirmed there are three elements within the Park available for naming, being the playground area; basketball court and the water feature.

MOTION:

THAT the Community Identification Committee recommend to Council that the walkway on the south side of Snye point be named "Robert Vargo Walkway".

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cathy Dreier, Public-At-Large
SECONDER:	Chantelle Tatum
FOR:	Dreier, Loy, Tatum, Meagher
ABSENT:	Inglis

Action Item

Administration to communicate with the Dionne family advising that the Committee is committed to honoring the Dionne name in a prominent and long-lasting manner. The Committee has reviewed the elements within the Kiyām Community Park and agreed that these may not be the best fit to assign the Dionne name.

4.5. Naming Inventory Review

The Committee reviewed the edits to the Urban and Rural Community Inventory of Names - Assigned, as proposed by the Communications and Engagement Department.

Cathy Dreier, to provide Administration with additional information she has for some of the names on this list.

Roundtable

Committee members acknowledged the Chair's contribution to this Committee, Council, the School Board and to the community as a whole and thanked him for his years of dedication to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Chair