

Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee

Room 207, 2nd Floor, Jubilee Centre 9909 Franklin Avenue, Fort McMurray, AB T9H 2K4 Thursday, April 13, 2023 5:30 PM

Agenda

- 1. Call to Order
- 2. Adoption of Agenda
- 3. <u>Minutes of Previous Meetings</u>
 - 3.1. Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting February 9, 2023
- 4. <u>Unfinished Business</u>
 - 4.1. Waterfront Park Revitalization

<u>Adjournment</u>

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee held in Room 207, at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, February 9, 2023, commencing at 5:30 PM.

Present:

Denise Martineau, Public-At-Large, Vice-Chair
Gary Devison, Seniors Representative
Leonard Hansen, Community Development
Bill Loutitt, Indigenous Representative (via MS Teams)
Mitch Mercredi, Land Development Sector
Ayisha Salman, Public-At-Large (via MS Teams)
Rene Wells, Law Enforcement Representative (via MS Teams)
Liana Wheeldon, Culture (Arts, Culture & Heritage)
Ken Ball, Councillor (via MS Teams)
Stu Wigle, Councillor (via MS Teams)

Absent:

Erica Brewer, Public-At-Large Cheryl Hocker, Public-At-Large Greg MacAulay, Oil and Gas Industry

Administration:

Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development Nina Caines, Senior Manager, Parks, Roads and Rural Operations Kevin Meacher, Program Manager, Municipal Initiatives Anita Hawkins, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Vice-Chair Denise Martineau called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Liana Wheeldon SECONDER: Gary Devison

FOR: Devison, Hansen, Loutitt, Martineau, Mercredi, Salman, Wells,

Wheeldon

ABSENT: Brewer, Hocker, MacAulay

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting - January 12, 2023

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting held on January 12, 2023 be approved as presented.

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Mitch Mercredi SECONDER: Leonard Hansen

FOR: Devison, Hansen, Loutitt, Martineau, Mercredi, Salman, Wells,

Wheeldon

ABSENT: Brewer, Hocker, MacAulay

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Josh Bernsen, Owner's Representative and Amie McGowan, Urban Systems re: Waterfront Park Revitalization

Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management, provided opening remarks, noting today's presentation is intended to familiarize Committee Members with the project and noted that questions raised following the presentation can be further addressed during the proposed planning sessions.

Josh Bernsen, Owner's representative and Amie McGowan, Urban Systems presented an overview of the Waterfront Park Revitalization project and how the project evolved to its current stage.

Entrance

Ayisha Salman, Committee Member, joined the meeting at 5:37 p.m.

Disconnect and Reconnect

Rene Wells, Committee Member, disconnected at 6:03 p.m. and reconnected at 6:05 p.m.

The presentation referenced the original guiding principles considered in developing the project; the project's alignment with Council's Strategic Plan; the multiple engagements and tactics that directly informed the design of the park concept; and next steps which include reviewing the current design and generating a revised concept design as mandated by Council.

Exit

Councillor S. Wigle exited the meeting at 6:40 p.m.

4.2. Schedule of Meetings

MOTION:

THAT the February 23, 2023 Special meeting and the March 9, 2023 Regular meeting of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee be cancelled; and

THAT Planning Sessions be held on February 23, 2023 and March 6, commencing at 5:30 p.m., to review the scope of the Waterfront Park Project.

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]

MOVER: Gary Devison SECONDER: Leonard Hansen

FOR: Devison, Hansen, Loutitt, Martineau, Mercredi, Salman, Wells,

Wheeldon

ABSENT: Brewer, Hocker, MacAulay

Adjournment

The	meeting	adjourned	d at 6:4	.8 p.m.

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Chair			

Waterfront Park Revitalization

Presenter: Waterfront Project Team

Department: Public Works, Planning & Development, Engineering

Meeting Date: April 13, 2023



Agenda

- Introduction
- Priorities Project Objectives
- Locations
- Overall Main Purpose of Snye Point
- Next Steps

Meeting Intent

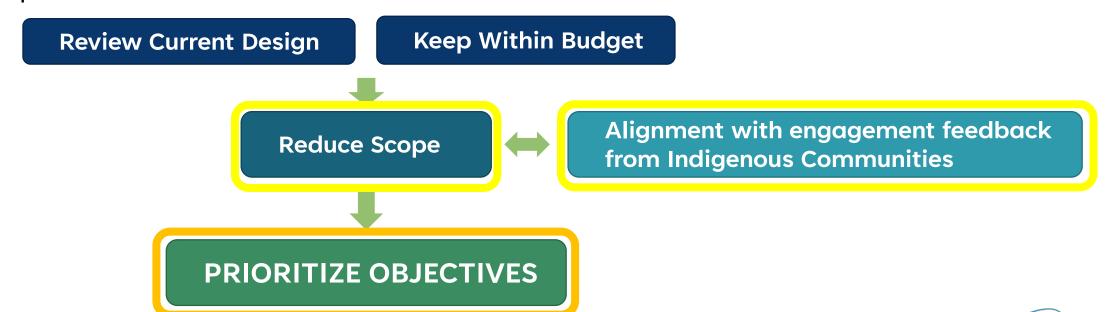
- To refresh and clarify outcomes from Workshops 1 & 2
- Discuss each project objective and rank again in terms of priority
- Decide on Locations of the project and remove certain areas from the scope of the project
- Achieve a decision point on the overall main purpose of Snye point.

Timeline



Council Direction

 THAT Administration work with the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee to review the current design for the Waterfront Park Project, eliminate any unnecessary elements, stewarding toward a project that remains in alignment with the engagement feedback from the Indigenous Communities and in keeping with the approved budget and bring forward an updated design to Council as soon as possible.



PRIORITIES: Project Objectives

Project Objectives

CULTURE & HISTORY



Honour and support Truth and Reconciliation



Commemorate regional history and culture



Recognize and enhance connections to the land

RECREATION



Provide site amenities with a focus on four-season recreation



Enhance opportunities to touch the water

FUNCTIONALITY & RESILIENCY



Increase safety for all users



Improve pedestrian connectivity



Promote inclusivity and accessibility



Improve vehicular circulation, access, and parking



Coordinate with Flood Mitigation projects and promote resiliency

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & TOURISM



Provide space and infrastructure to support events and vendors



Coordinate with downtown revitalization

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Results from Workshops 1 & 2:

What objectives are most important to address through the Waterfront Park **Revitalization Project?**



EXERCISE: Prioritizing Project Objectives

- To prioritize project objectives for the Waterfront Park Revitalization Project, in alignment with Indigenous engagement feedback.
- On your phone or laptop, go to:
 - www.menti.com
 - Use the code 0000 0000

Discussion

What are the top project objectives the design should consider?

Decision

Draft MOTION: THAT the Committee recommends updating the project objectives for Waterfront Park Revitalization to include....

LOCATIONS

Waterfront Project Boundary



MacDonald Drive to Borealis Park (Reaches 1 & 2)





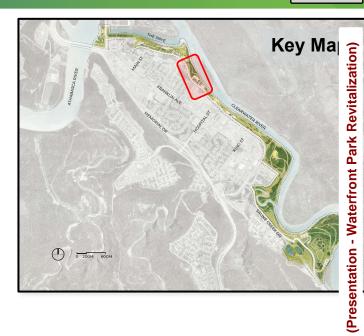
The Snye (Reaches 3-4)





Reach 5

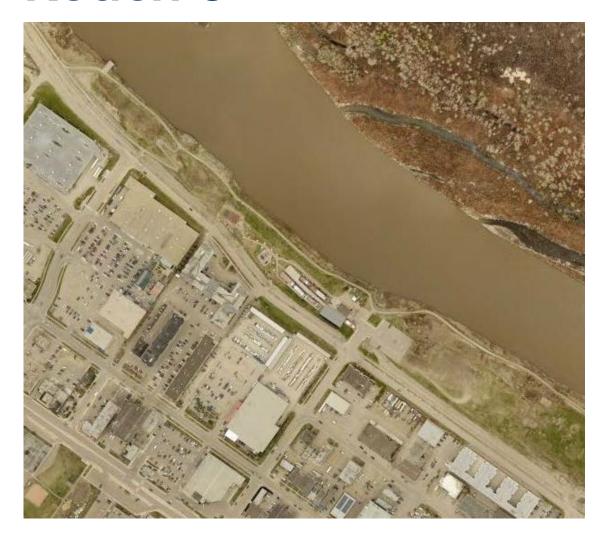


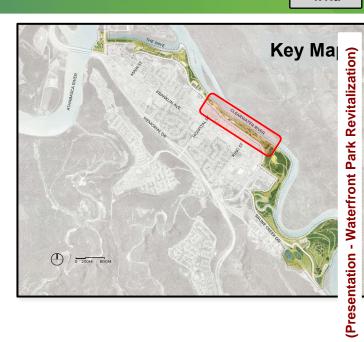


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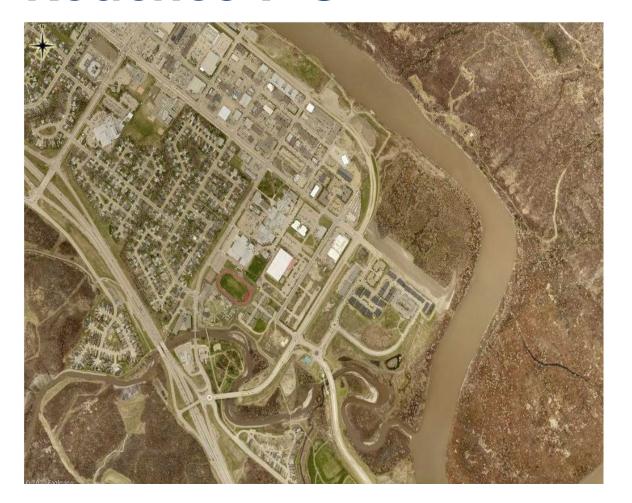
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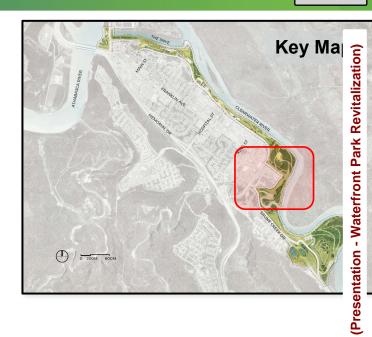
Reach 6





Reaches 7-8



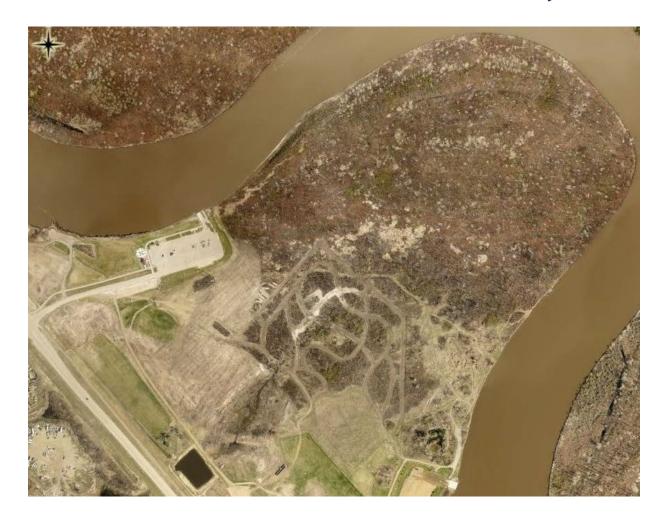


Saline Creek Parkway/Reach 10





Horse Pasture Park (Reach 11)





EXERCISE: Refining Project Area

- Examine opportunities to reduce scope through reducing project area and geography, in coordination with flood mitigation.
- On your phone or laptop, go to:
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EXERCISE: Choose the preferred location

These will be listed on MENTI:

- Reaches 1-11 (excluding 7,8,9)
- MacDonald Drive to Borealis Park (Reaches 1 & 2)
- The Snye (Reaches 3-4)
- Reach 5
- Reach 6
- Saline Creek Parkway/Reach 10
- Horse Pasture Park (Reach 11)

Discussion

Why did you choose those locations?

Decision

Draft MOTION: THAT the Committee recommends updating the project scope areas for Waterfront Park Revitalization to include....

DECISION POINT: What is the Overall Function Of Snye Point?

Decision Point

GREEN SPACE







Decision

Draft MOTION: THAT the Committee recommends that Snye Point functions as...

Discussion

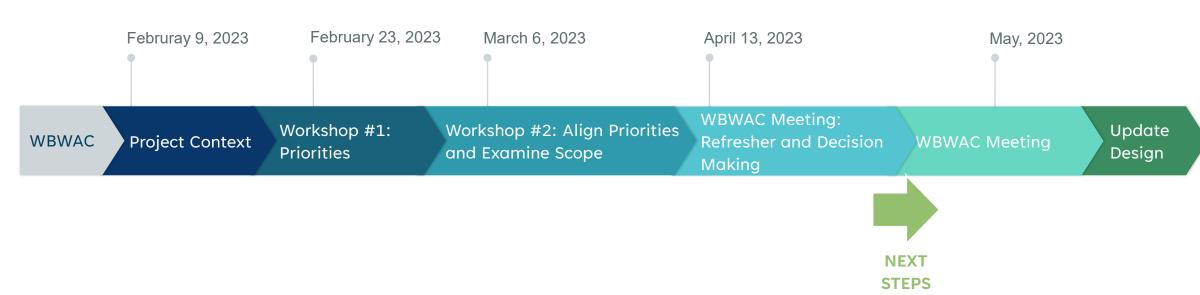
Would the Committee consider moving the date of the May 11, 2023 Regular Meeting to allow for time to develop an updated conceptual design?

Decision

Draft MOTION: THAT the May 11, Regular Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee be cancelled;

and THAT a Special Meeting be held on XXXX, 2023 commencing at 5:30 p.m, to review the updated conceptual design for Waterfront Park.

Timeline



Thank You

