

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee held via Electronic Communication, a combination of video conferencing and teleconferencing, in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, September 2, 2020, commencing at 5:00 PM.

Present:

Brianne English, Oil and Gas Industry
Carolyn Evancio, Seniors Resource Committee
Jean-Marc Guillamot, Business Community
Cheryl Golosky, Indigenous Representative
Roy Williams, Land Development Industry
Todd Hillier, Safety and Security Sector
Owen Erskine, Recreation, Culture and Heritage
Verna Murphy, Councillor

Absent:

Sheri Pidhirney, Business Community
Melanie Walsh, Community Development
Renee Mouland, Public-at-Large
Jeff Peddle, Councillor

Administration:

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager
Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects
Nicole Van Kruistum, Senior Executive Liaison
Darlene Soucy, Legislative Officer

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: Jean-Marc Guillamot, Business Community
SECONDER: Owen Erskine, Recreation, Culture and Heritage
FOR: English, Evancio, Guillamot, Golosky, Williams, Hillier, Erskine
ABSENT: Pidhirney, Walsh, Moulard

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee Meeting - March 4, 2020

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee Meeting held on March 4, 2020 be approved as presented.

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Carolyn Evancio, Seniors Resource Committee
SECONDER: Brianne English, Oil and Gas Industry
FOR: English, Evancio, Guillamot, Golosky, Williams, Hillier, Erskine
ABSENT: Pidhirney, Walsh, Moulard

3.2. Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee Meeting - July 16, 2020

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee Special Meeting held on July 16, 2020 be approved as presented.

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Todd Hillier, Safety and Security Sector
SECONDER: Owen Erskine, Recreation, Culture and Heritage
FOR: English, Evancio, Guillamot, Golosky, Williams, Hillier,
ABSENT: Erskine Pidhirney, Walsh, Moulard

4. Presentations

4.1. Dominic Gniewek re: Healthy Communities by Design

Dominic Gniewek, Public Health Inspector, Alberta Health Services, provided an overview of Healthy Communities by Design, which is an evidence-based public health approach to municipal planning, and how this approach applies to the design of the Franklin and Main Park project.

4.2. Mazhar Hajhossein, re: Engineering Service Standards

With consensus of the Committee, this item was deferred to the next meeting.

5. New and Unfinished Business

5.1. 2021 Priority Actions and Recommendations

The Committee Members reviewed the Committee's top priorities of beautification, placemaking, neighbourhood safety and being pedestrian friendly and noted that the areas of focus for 2021 are to incorporate these priorities into the design of the Franklin and Main Park Project, and making the downtown a destination with connections to the waterfront.

5.2. Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan Vision and Principle Comments

Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development, provided an overview of the Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan (DAR)) visions, noting that the proposed DARP is expected to be brought to Council for approval before the end of the year.

5.3. Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, re: Flood Recovery and COVID-19 Update

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer, provided an update on COVID-19, noting that the number of cases in the area are increasing and that under Alberta Health Services Guidelines, face-coverings are required by students who will be using public transit and they are recommended for all other transit users.

With respect to flood recovery, it was indicated that community conversations regarding flood recovery are ongoing with a Council meeting scheduled for September 15, 2020 to review the proposed flood mitigation and community resiliency options. It was also noted that the Municipality is seeking further funding from the Federal and Provincial Governments to continue with structural flood mitigation work.

MOTION:

THAT the Chair be authorized to send a letter to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Council in support of Council's request for financial assistance from the Federal and Provincial Governments to assist with the outstanding Flood Mitigation Program in the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Owen Erskine, Recreation, Culture and Heritage
SECONDER:	Todd Hillier, Safety and Security Sector
FOR:	English, Evancio, Guillamot, Golosky, Williams, Hillier, Erskine
ABSENT:	Pidhirney, Walsh, Moulard

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Chair