

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee held via electronic communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, May 4, 2022, commencing at 5:00 PM.

Present:

Owen Erskine, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Representative
Brienne English, Oil and Gas Industry
Carolyn Evancio, Seniors Resource Committee Representative
Jean-Marc Guillamot, Business Community
Henry Hunter, Education Sector
Renee Moulard, Public-At-Large
Melanie Walsh, Community Development Sector
Marty Noskey, Indigenous Representative
Funky Banjoko, Councillor
Lance Bussieres, Councillor

Absent:

Todd Hillier, Safety and Security Sector

Administration:

Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management
Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications and Engagement
Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering
Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development
Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects
Darlene Soucy, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Owen Erskine called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Renee Mouland
SECONDER:	Henry Hunter
FOR:	Erskine, Evancio, Guillamot, Hunter, Mouland, Noskey
ABSENT:	English, Hillier, Walsh

Entrance

Melanie Walsh, Committee Member, joined the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings**3.1. Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee Meeting - April 6, 2022**

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 6, 2022 be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carolyn Evancio
SECONDER:	Henry Hunter
FOR:	Erskine, Evancio, Guillamot, Hunter, Mouland, Walsh, Noskey
ABSENT:	English, Hillier

Entrance

Brianne English, Committee Member, joined the meeting at 5:16 p.m.

4. New and Unfinished Business**4.1. Community Impact Grant Overview**

Toni Elliott, Senior Manager, Community and Protective Services, provided an overview of the Community Impact Grants, noting that eligible non-profit organizations could apply for grants to host programs and events in the Kiyām Community Park, which in turn could attract more people to the downtown and to the Park.

4.2. Downtown Revitalization Incentives Program Update

Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development, provided an update on the Downtown Revitalization Incentives Program, noting that due to the success of the Program, Council recently approved an additional \$3.7 million in funding and an extension of the Program to April 30, 2023.

4.3. Kiyam Community Park Update

Ribbon Cutting Event

Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications and Engagement, provided an overview of the initial draft plan for the ribbon cutting event for Kiyām Community Park, noting that the date will be determined after construction is completed but general planning has begun. Committee Members were invited to submit their ideas to Administration for the event.

Exit

Renee Moulard, Committee Member, exited the meeting at 6:04 p.m.

Public Art Bench Program

Isela Contreras-Dogbe, Manager, Culture and Social Development, presented an update on the Public Art Bench Program for Kiyām Community Park, with sister benches (i.e. duplicate benches) to be located in Anzac and Saprae Creek, noting that voting on the designs is complete, and the artists, Amy Keller-Rempp and Kritsana Naowakhun, will begin fabrication of the benches. Installation is anticipated this construction season.

4.4. Working Group Update

Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects, reminded the Neighbourhood Safety and Pedestrian Friendliness Working Group that they would be provided snow and winter maintenance related information in preparation for their next meeting.

4.5. Action Log Review

Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects, reviewed the Action Log, spoke to the Committee's priorities and action items, noting that many items are in progress, with others either complete or significantly complete.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:23 p.m.

Chair