

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee, of the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo held in Room 206, at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, May 3, 2023, commencing at 9:00 AM.

Present:

Bryce Kumka (Chair), Business Community
Jennifer Vardy (Vice-Chair), Public-At-Large
Bilal Abbas, Public-At-Large
Aurick De Sousa, Community Development
Justin Ellis, Public-At-Large
Steven Hale, Education
Purva Sharma, Arts, Culture and Recreation
Ijeoma Uche-Ezeala, Public-At-Large
Raj Vasal, Community Development
Rene Wells, Public-A-Large
Stu Wigle, Councillor

Absent:

Alex McKenzie, Land Development
David Secord, Business Community
Dan Soupal, Land Development

Administration:

Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development
Monica Lance, Program Manager, Municipal Initiatives
Heather Fredeen, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Bryce Kumka called the meeting to order at 9:06 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be amended by adding Agenda item 4.4, Planning and Development Process Review Project Update;

THAT the Committee waive any requirement to serve notice relative to the proposed addition; and

THAT the Agenda be adopted as amended.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Justin Ellis
SECONDER:	Bilal Abbas
FOR:	Kumka, Abbas, De Sousa, Ellis, Hale, Sharma, Uche-Ezeala, Vardy, Wells
ABSENT:	McKenzie, Secord, Soupal, Vasal

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting - April 5, 2023

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on April 5, 2023, be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rene J.K. Wells
SECONDER:	Bilal Abbas
FOR:	Kumka, Abbas, DeSousa, Ellis, Hale, Sharma, Uche-Ezeala, Vardy, Wells
ABSENT:	McKenzie, Secord, Soupal, Vasal

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Meeting with Assistant Deputy Minister, Joffre Hotz, Red Tape Reduction, Audit and Investigations Update

Chair Bryce Kumka provided an update on the meeting between the Committee's Red Tape Reduction Working Group and Mr. Joffre Hotz, Assistant Deputy Minister, Red Tape Reduction, Audit, and Investigations, held on April 18, 2023. Discussion topics included the Planning and Development's Process Review Project, electronic reporting for building/safety codes and an inter-municipal forum for municipalities to share ideas for Red Tape Reduction.

4.2. Municipal Excellence Award Application Overview and Request for Support

Monica Lance, Program Manager, Municipal Initiatives, indicated that applications were open for the Municipal Excellence Award under the Red Tape Reduction Strategy category and indicated that the deadline for submissions is June 15, 2023. The Committee committed to discussing the matter further at the next Committee Meeting.

4.3. Parsons Creek Development Update

Lisa Sweet, Director, Business and Investment Attraction, Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism and Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development, provided an update on the Parson's Creek land (the Land) sale, indicating that the 52 acres property was sold to Allard Construction and is intended to be a commercial development, marketed in the mid-price range.

Entrance

Raj Vasal entered the meeting at 9:34 a.m.

4.4. Planning and Development Process Review Project Update

Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development, provided an update on the Planning and Development Process Review project, noting that there were 92 recommendations identified in the Consultant's report and over 50 have commenced. It was noted that an internal working group of 8 people from the 3 branches within Planning and Development have been tasked with steering the project.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:17 a.m.

Chair