

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee held in Room 206 at the Municipal Offices in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, July 5, 2023, commencing at 9:00 AM.

Present:

Bryce Kumka, Chair, Business Community
Jennifer Vardy, Vice-Chair, Public At Large
Aurick deSousa, Community Development
Justin Ellis, Public-At-Large
Steven Hale, Education Sector
Alex McKenzie, Land Development Sector
David Secord, Business Community Representative
Purva Sharma, Arts, Culture and Recreation Representative
Ijeoma Uche-Ezeala, Public-At-Large
Rene Wells, Public-At-Large
Stu Wigle, Councillor

Absent:

Bilal Abbas, Public-At-Large
Dan Soupal, Land Development Industry
Raj Vasal, Community Development

Administration:

Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management
Kevin Meacher, Program Manager, Municipal Initiatives
Heather Fredeen, Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order

Chair Bryce Kumka called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be amended by adding, as an in-camera item, 5.1 Disclosure harmful to personal privacy – Personal Matter

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:	David J.R. Secord
SECONDER:	Rene J.K. Wells
FOR:	Kumka, Vardy, deSousa, Ellis, Hale, McKenzie, Secord, Sharma, Uche-Ezeala, Wells
ABSENT:	Abbas, Soupal, Vasal

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting - June 7, 2023

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 7, 2023, be approved as presented.

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

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Chair and Vice-Chair Presentation to Council Debrief

Vice-Chair Jennifer Vardy provided a briefing on the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee's presentation to Council at their June 27, 2023, meeting in which the Chair Bryce Kumka and Vice-Chair Jennifer Vardy provided an overview of the work undertaken by the Committee in 2022 and the Committee's 2023 - 2024 priorities.

Entrance

Councillor Stu Wigle entered the meeting at 9:13 a.m.

4.2. Working Group Updates and Discussion

Committee Member Rene Wells presented a proposal to create an Economic Development and Tourism Business Interface Working Group to work in collaboration with Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism and assist with identifying development opportunities and development hurdles in the Region.

MOTION:

THAT the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee create an Economic Development and Tourism Business Interface Working Group.

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

MOTION:

THAT the following Committee Members be appointed to the Economic Development and Tourism Business Interface Working Group:

- Rene Wells (Chair)
- Jennifer Vardy
- Bryce Kumka
- David Secord; and
- Steven Hale

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

5. In-Camera Session**MOTION:**

THAT the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee close item 5.1. to the public pursuant to section 17(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.

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

5.1. Disclosure Harmful to Personal Privacy - Personal Matter

(in camera pursuant to section 17(1) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*)

Name	Reason for Attending
Kelly Hansen	Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management
Kevin Meacher	Program Manager, Municipal Initiatives
Heather Fredeen	Clerk/Legislative Advice

MOTION:

THAT the meeting reconvene in public.

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

MOTION:

THAT the Special Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting scheduled for August 2, 2023, be rescheduled to August 9, 2023, contingent on the availability of "Invest Alberta" to attend the August 9, 2023 meeting.

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

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 9:51 a.m.

Chair