

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

Present:

Erica Brewer, Public-At-Large, Chair
Gary Devison, Seniors Representative
Bill Loutitt, Indigenous Representative
Greg MacAulay, Oil and Gas Industry via MS Teams
Ana Maria Mendez-Barks, Community Development Representative
Mitch Mercredi, Land Development Sector
Rene Wells, Law Enforcement Representative
Ken Ball, Councillor (via MS Teams)

Absent:

Denise Martineau, Public-At-Large
Brandon Price, Business Community Representative
Ayisha Salman, Public-At-Large
Liana Wheeldon, Culture (Arts, Culture & Heritage)
Allan Grandison, Councillor

Administration:

Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order

Chair E. Brewer called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bill Loutit
SECONDER:	Rene Wells
FOR:	Brewer, Devison, Loutitt, MacAulay, Mendez, Mercredi, Wells
ABSENT:	Martineau, Price, Salman, Wheeldon

3. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

3.1. **Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting – October 12, 2023**

MOTION:

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

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Rene Wells
SECONDER:	Gary Devison
FOR:	Brewer, Devison, Loutitt, MacAulay, Mendez, Mercredi, Price, Wells
ABSENT:	Martineau, Price, Salman, Wheeldon

Entrance

Councillor K. Ball joined the meeting via MS Teams at 5:38 p.m.

4. **New and Unfinished Business**

4.1. **Project Delivery and Confirmation of Costs**

A. Haitas, Acting Director, Planning and Development and B. Walsh, Senior Manager, Public Works, provided a presentation regarding project delivery and overview of costs.

An overview of those involved in the project was provided and a discussion occurred with respect to the consultants involved. Administration indicated that the Owners' Representative costs were not included in the overall project costing as the consultant is engaged on other projects and is part of the Public Works operating budget costs.

Concerns were expressed with respect to the fees associated to date with consulting noting that with further work on the project, these could increase.

A discussion occurred with respect to the overall project management. The Committee requested that Administration provide confirmation of the project manager.

A chronology of the project was shared, and a discussion occurred regarding costs to date and design. It was noted that as the design changes, there are more costs incurred.

Concerns were raised by Committee members in attendance with respect to the lack of administrative oversight of the project. A discussion occurred regarding the change in direction and project oversight based on leadership adjustments throughout the project's inception.

Action Items

The Committee requested monthly project and budget updates.

The Committee requested that Administration consider the feedback received during meetings and Administration committed to having further discussions with the consultants regarding design, identifying where it may be possible to scale back and whether previous designs could be utilized. It was noted that further information from Administration would be shared with the Committee via email through the Committee's Department Administrator.

Exit and Return

R. Wells exited the meeting at 6:45 p.m. and returned at 6:47 p.m.

4.2. Flood Mitigation Update

Maureen Nakonechny, Program Manager, Flood Mitigation, Engineering, provided a presentation and overview of the flood mitigation program.

A discussion occurred with respect to the various reaches and the combination and subsequent separation, of reaches 1-4 within the waterfront park project priority area 1 and the pathways and trails along the waterfront.

Site contamination and subsequent remediation of affected areas was discussed as it relates to the construction of flood mitigation infrastructure and Administration confirmed that to date, the approach taken internally is that should site remediation be discovered during the course of a capital project, the project delivery department has been responsible for addressing and remediating it.

Action Item

The Committee requested that Administration bring forward an update on trail connectivity.

Exit

E. Brewer, Chair, exited the meeting at 7:32 p.m. at which time R. Wells assumed Chairing the meeting.

K. Hansen, Department Administrator, Strategic Planning and Program Management, spoke to an engagement noting that the Committee will be invited to participate with respect to the Reach 5 trail alignment and noted that further information would be shared.

4.3. Committee Discussion Related to Meeting Structure

Committee Members discussed next steps and action items that will be brought to Administration for review and response including information to be brought to the next meeting.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Chair