



Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee

Conducted Electronically via MS Teams

Thursday, April 15, 2021
10:00 AM

Agenda

Public Participation for April 15, 2021 Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee

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1. **Call to Order**

2. **Adoption of Agenda**

3. **Minutes of Previous Meetings**

3.1. Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting - March 18, 2021

4. **Presentation**

4.1. Josh Bernsen, LEES+Associates, Gregg Kahan and Jennifer Comrie, Urban Systems and Yvonne Bautista, DTAH re: Waterfront Park Project

5. **New and Unfinished Business**

5.1. Working Groups Next Step

5.2. Downtown Revitalization Update

5.3. Flood Mitigation Update

5.4. Roundtable

Adjournment

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee held via Electronic Communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, March 18, 2021, commencing at 10:00 AM.

Present:

Gaylene Weidlich, Community Development Sector, Chair
 Erica Brewer, Recreation Representative
 Andrew Crompton, Oil and Gas Industry
 Gary Devison, Seniors Representative
 Bill Loutitt, Indigenous Representative
 Keith Plowman, Business Community Representative
 Sean Robertson, Safety and Security Sector
 David Stirling, Public-at-Large
 Liana Wheeldon, Culture (Arts, Culture & Heritage)
 Krista Balsom, Councillor

Absent:

Cathy Dreier, Public-at- Large
 Alan Gammon, Land Development Representative
 Phil Meagher, Councillor

Administration:

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
 Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development
 Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development
 Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects
 Nina Caines, Senior Manager, Parks, Roads and Rural Operations
 Sonia Soutter, Manager, Senior Legislative Officer
 Anita Hawkins, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Gaylene Weidlich called the meeting to order at 10:03 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be approved as presented.

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Erica Brewer, Recreation
SECONDER: Andrew Crompton, Oil and Gas Industry
FOR: Loutitt, Wheeldon, Weidlich, Robertson, Plowman, Devison,
 Crompton, Brewer, Stirling
ABSENT: Dreier, Gammon

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee Meeting - February 17, 2021

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee held on February 17, 2021 be approved as presented.

RESULT: CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER: Sean Robertson, Safety and Security Sector
SECONDER: Liana Wheeldon, Culture (Arts, Culture & Heritage)
FOR: Loutitt, Wheeldon, Weidlich, Robertson, Plowman, Devison,
 Crompton, Brewer, Stirling
ABSENT: Dreier, Gammon

4. Presentation

4.1. Josh Bernsen, Lee and Associates, Gregg Kahan, Urban Systems and James Roche, DTAH re: Fort McMurray Waterfront Park - Priority Area 1 Outdoor Event Space - Preliminary Concepts Review

Josh Bernsen, Lee and Associates, noted that Urban System is the lead consultant of the Waterfront Park project and is supported by DTAH.

Arrival

Gary Devison, Committee member, joined the meeting at 10:16 a.m.

James Roche, DTAH, presented the outdoor event space preliminary concepts developed and collected feedback from the Committee members.

Exit

Sean Robertson, Committee member, left the meeting at 11:01 a.m.

Further public engagement sessions are under way and it is anticipated that final design for the outdoor event space be presented to the Committee at its April meeting, leading into construction in late Spring/early Summer with completion in Fall 2021.

Vacating/Assuming of Chair

Chair Gaylene Weidlich vacated the Chair at 11:14 a.m. at which time the Chair was assumed by Vice-Chair Liana Wheeldon.

Administration advised the Committee that based on timelines, there may be a need to hold a special meeting prior to the April meeting.

Resuming of Chair

Chair Gaylene Weidlich resumed the Chair at 11:17 a.m.

5. New and Unfinished Business**5.1. Flood Mitigation Written Update Overview**

Maureen Nakonechny, Project Manager for Flood Mitigation Project, provided an update on the flood mitigation work being scheduled for the summer of 2021, including construction behind Longboat Landing (Reach 7) and the public engagement sessions being held to review the three options related to the two-lane section of Clearwater Drive behind Heritage Marine Park (Reach 6).

5.2. Working Group UpdatesHistory with Seniors

The History with Seniors Working Group has reached out to St. Aidan's Society and the Advisory Committee on Aging to gather feedback on the Waterfront Park Project. The group is meeting with Golden Years Society and St. Aidan's Society next week.

Indigenous Cultural Advisory

The Indigenous Cultural Advisory Working Group will be meeting specifically with respect to the Reconciliation Trail component of the Project and discuss the various indigenous groups to be contacted for feedback.

5.3. Roundtable

Administration suggested that the Working Groups encourage their contacts in external groups to participate in the online waterfront survey.

Adjournment

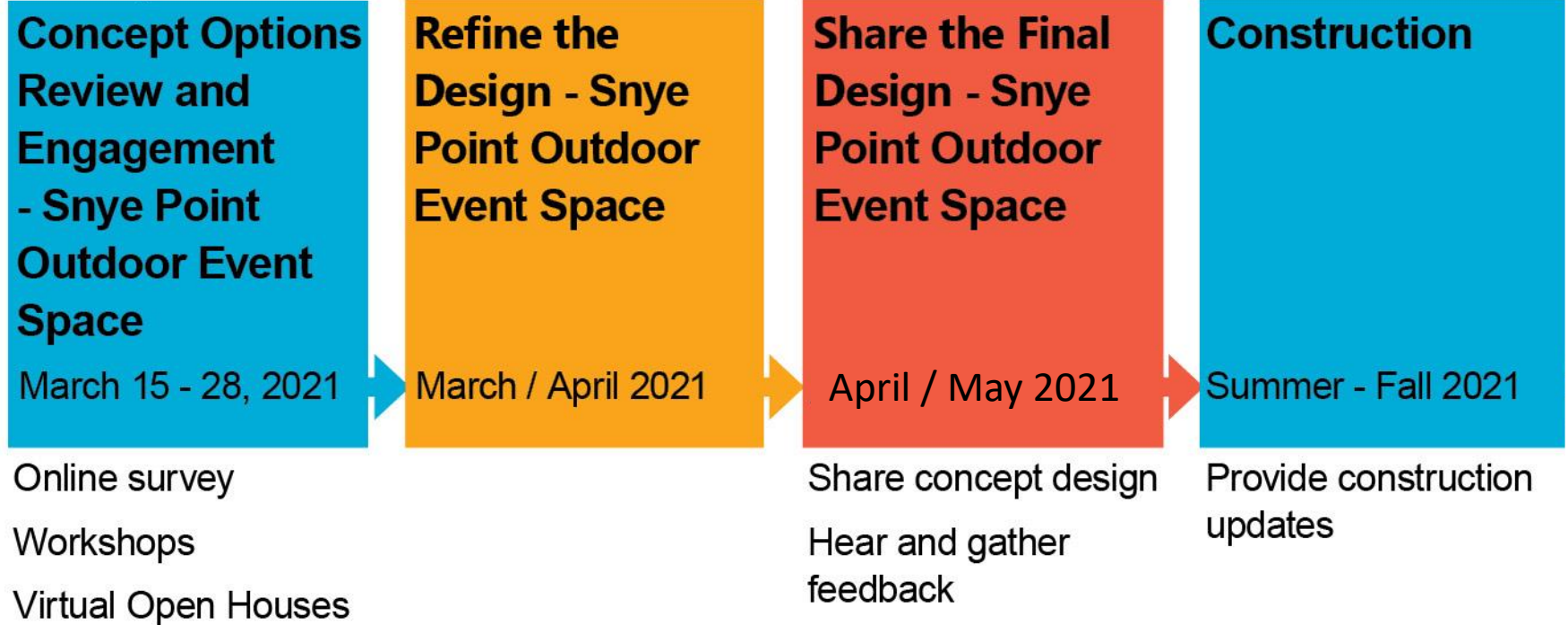
The meeting adjourned at 11:25 a.m., following which a Committee Workshop was held with Amy Wedlock, Advisor, Training and Development, who provided the Committee Members with a general orientation on MS Teams.

Chair

Waterfront Advisory Committee Waterfront Park Project

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NEXT STEPS



Project Update: Current Status

- Priority 1 – 30% Concept Design & Engagement (Complete)
 - Public Engagement
 - Stakeholder and Rightsholder Workshops
- Priority 1 – Detailed Design – Initiated
- Priority 2 – Concept Design for Waterfront Park – Initiated

Concept Design Options

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OPTION 1 - CLEARWATER COMMON

PRIORITY AREA 1



OPTION 2 - SNYE LANDING

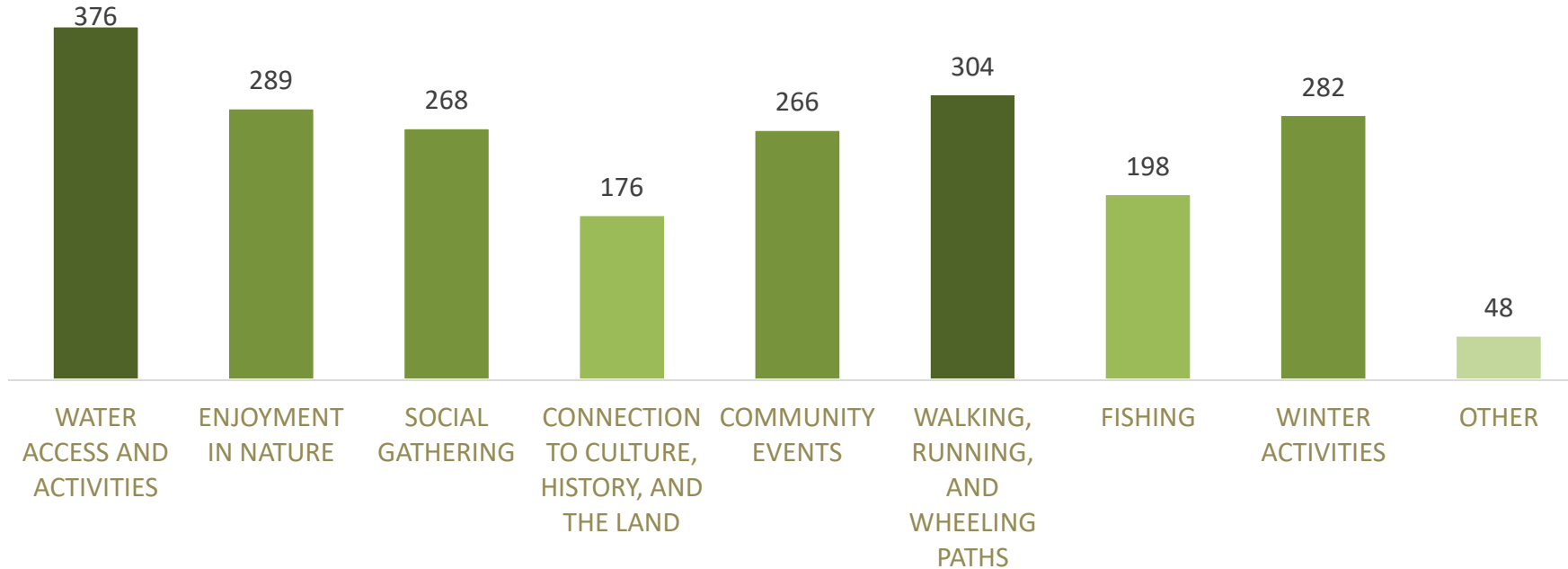
PRIORITY AREA 1



What We Heard

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Q1: What TYPE of activities would you like to see at Snye Point Outdoor Event Space In the future? Please select all that apply.

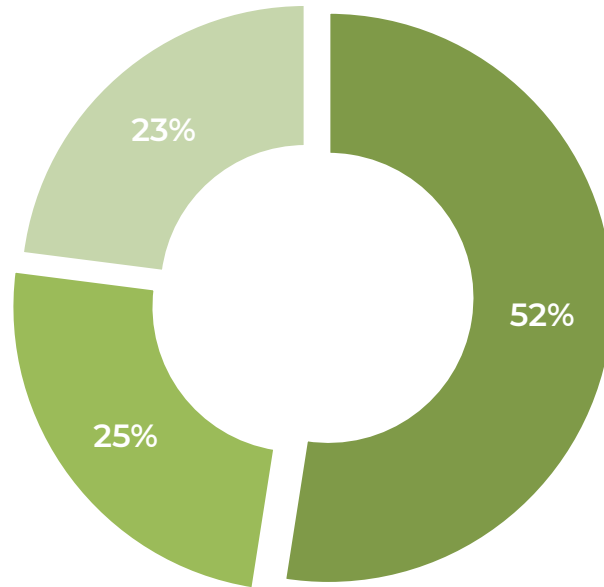


Attachment: BWAC Waterfront Park Project Presentation

What We Heard

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Q2: A key difference between Concept 1 (Clearwater Common) and Concept 2 (Snye Landing) is the kind of access allowed to Snye Point. What kind of access would you prefer to see at Snye Point in the future?

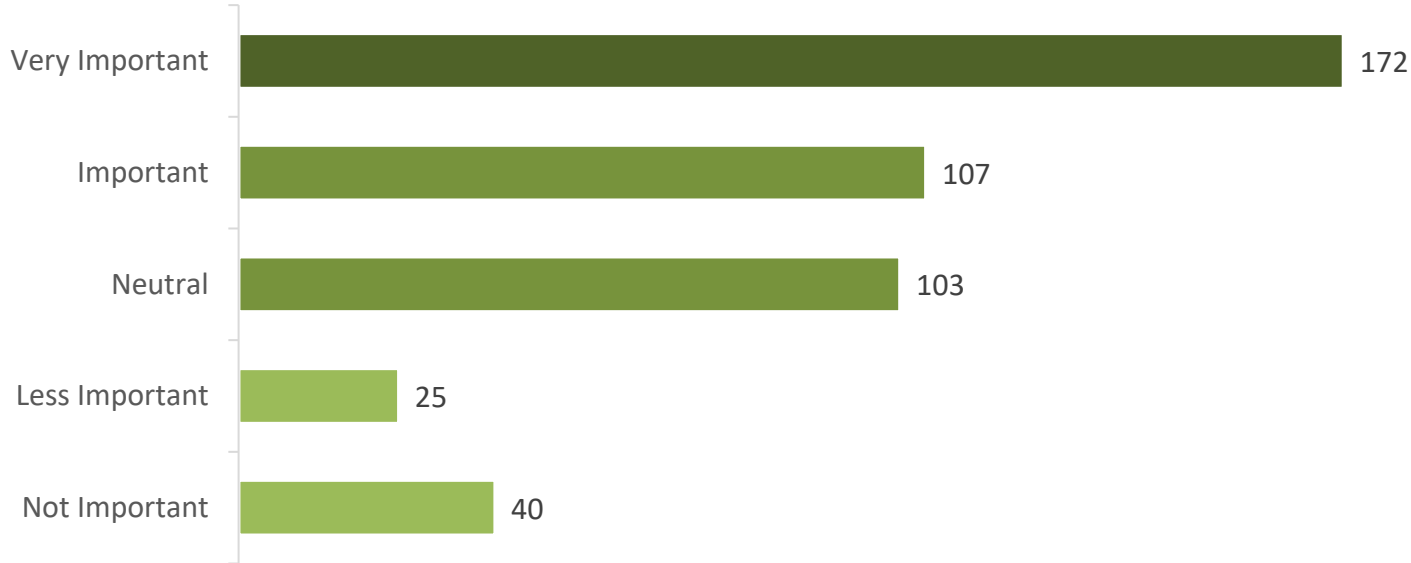


- I prefer to see permanent vehicle access to Snye Point.
- I prefer to see periodic vehicle access
- I prefer to see pedestrian, emergency services, and cycle access only to Snye Point.

What We Heard

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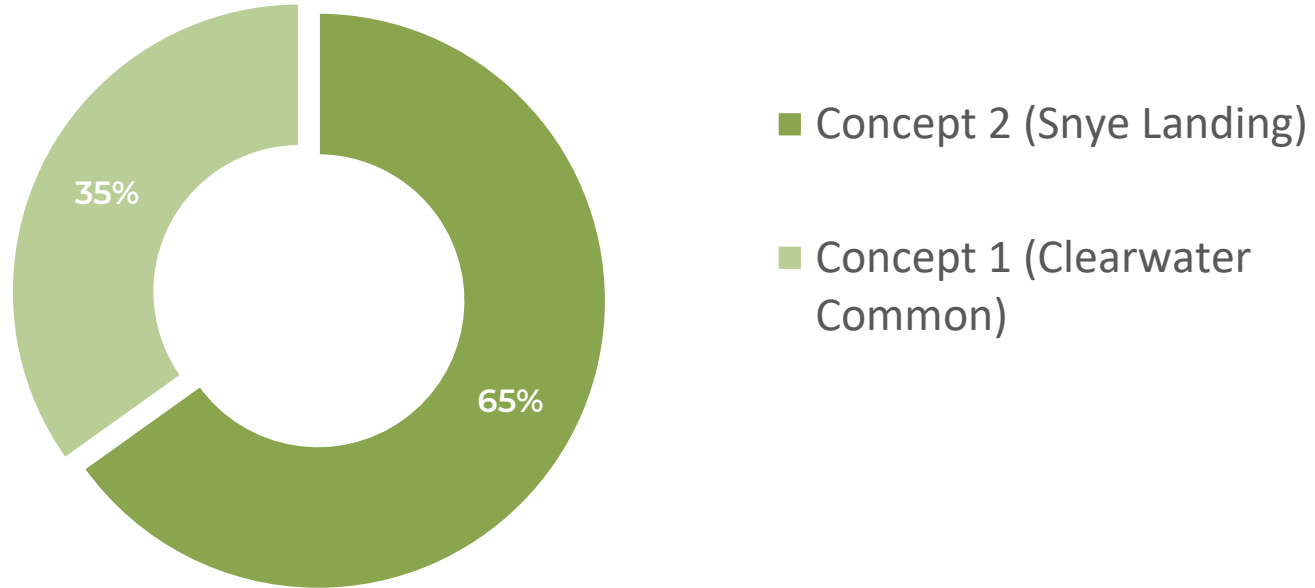
Q3: Another key difference between Concept 1 (Clearwater Common) and Concept 2 (Snye Landing) is the connection between park space and the Snye River. Currently, Morimoto Drive is close to the water's edge. How important is it to you that the park space directly connects to the water?



What We Heard

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Q4: After reviewing the two initial concepts, which one do you prefer?



What We Heard – Additional Topics

- Cost of Park Improvements
- Flooding & Resiliency
- Parking & Vehicle Circulation
- Play
- Vendors
- Washrooms

Reflecting Community Voices

- Starting work on detailed design
- Incorporating feedback from engagement sessions
 - Adjustments to design and preferred concept
 - Combination of both Concept Option 1 and 2
 - Developing collaborative framework to incorporate general regional history, Métis and Indigenous history, storytelling and culturally significant plant material into the park design and Reconciliation Trail

Key Considerations

- Interface and Shared Space with Float Planes/Aerodrome
- Pedestrian Water Access
- Washroom Locations
- Athabasca Causeway Site
- Fire Pits
- Event Power
- Mitigation of Vehicle and Pedestrian Conflict

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Design Progress

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Next Steps

Priority Area 1

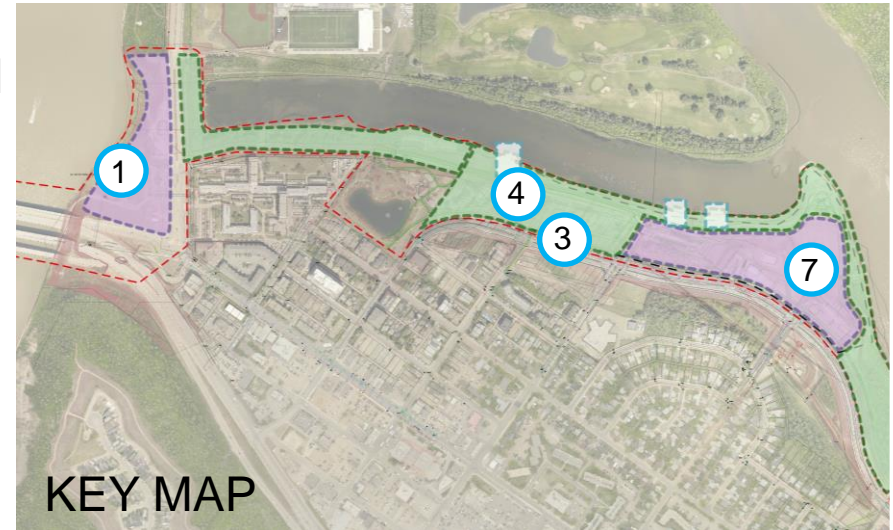
- Finalize Design (April/May 2021) **WFAC Engagement*
- Tender & Construction Year 1 (Summer-Fall 2021)

Priority Area 2

- Comprehensive Engagement (Summer 2021)
- Finalize Concept Design (Summer/Fall 2021)
- Detailed Design and Tender (2022+)

2021 Construction Plan

1. Athabasca Causeway Site
2. Moccasin Flats/Reconciliation Trail
3. Morimoto Drive alignment
4. Flexible Outdoor Space
5. Snye Point
6. Waterfront Access/Shoreline
7. Outdoor Event Space
8. Signage and wayfinding



PHASE 1 (2021 CONSTRUCTION START)

PHASE 2A (2022 CONSTRUCTION START)

Open Discussion

- Do you see your comments reflected?
- Any considerations for the proposed elements of 2021 construction scope of work?

Thank You!