

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee held via Electronic Communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Thursday, April 15, 2021, commencing at 10:00 AM.

Present:

Gaylene Weidlich, Community Development Sector, Chair
Erica Brewer, Recreation Representative
Gary Devison, Seniors Representative
Cathy Dreier, Public-at- Large
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)

Absent:

Andrew Crompton, Oil and Gas Industry
Alan Gammon, Land Development Representative
Phil Meagher, Councillor
Krista Balsom, Councillor

Administration:

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Dennis Fraser, Director, Indigenous and Rural Relations
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Business Initiatives
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development
Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering
Nina Caines, Senior Manager, Parks, Roads and Rural Operations
Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development
Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects
Sonia Soutter, Manager, Senior Legislative Officer, Legislative Services
Anita Hawkins, Clerk, Legislative Officer
Destiny Hilliard, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair, Gaylene Weidlich, called the meeting to order at 10:06 a.m

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Erica Brewer
SECONDER:	Cathy Dreier
FOR:	Loutitt, Wheeldon, Dreier, Weidlich, Robertson, Plowman, Devison, Brewer, Stirling
ABSENT:	Crompton, Gammon

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

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

THAT the minutes of the Wood Buffalo Waterfront Advisory Committee meeting held on March 18, 2021 be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Gary Devison
SECONDER:	Cathy Dreier
FOR:	Loutitt, Wheeldon, Dreier, Weidlich, Robertson, Plowman, Devison, Brewer, Stirling
ABSENT:	Crompton, Gammon

4. Presentation

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

Josh Bernsen, Lees and Associates, Gregg Kahan and Jennifer Comrie, Urban Systems, and Yvonne Battista, DTAH, presented an update of the Snye Point Outdoor Event Space project, a year-round outdoor event space that would accommodate a variety of events. It was noted that feedback through public engagement was considered and they are currently in the second stage of the project. The next steps with anticipated dates were also discussed.

Action Item:

Josh Bernsen to coordinate a time with his team and Monica Lance, for a special meeting to present the final design to the Waterfront Advisory Committee.

5. New and Unfinished Business

5.1. Working Groups Next Step

Liana Wheeldon, Committee Member, provided an update from the History with Seniors Working Group, noting the Group met with Luana Bussieres, St. Aiden's, and Joan Furber, Golden Years Society where they discussed parking spots designated for seniors at major parks, and separate trails for walking and cycling.

Gaylene Weidlich, Chair, noted the Indigenous Cultural Advisory Working Group is scheduled to meet in the next few weeks.

5.2. Downtown Revitalization Update

Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects, provided an update on the Downtown Revitalization Group noting their main focus is on understanding what is coming forward with the Wood Buffalo Public Art Plan. It was also stated the groups primary focus is on three key initiatives; the Franklin and Main park project, side walk upgrades, and pedestrian friendliness initiatives.

Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development, provided an update on Phase 2 of the Downtown Revitalization Incentives Program which was approved by Council at their April 13, 2021 meeting. Phase 2 added various elements to the program based on business and stakeholder input including patio grants, beautification grants, murals grant, exterior improvement grant, interior improvement grant, and premises grants. Grant applications will open on April 19 and can be accepted online on the Municipal website.

Exit

Bill Loutit, Committee Member, exited the meeting at 11:31 a.m.

5.3. Flood Mitigation Update

Gaylene Weidlich, Chair, noted the links provided for updates on Flood Mitigation are available on the Municipality's website.

5.4. Roundtable

The Chair clarified that although the focal point of Waterfront development is currently Snye Point, the plan is to be looking at the entire Waterfront area in the future.

The committee discussed the permanency of the flood berms and Administration explained how temporary berms would be removed as construction gets to their locations.

Liana Wheeldon, Committee Member, suggested the Committee receive a presentation on the Public Art Plan.

Action Item:

Administration committed to bringing forward a presentation on the Public Art Plan

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 11:43 a.m.

Mayor

Chief Legislative Officer