

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee held via Electronic Communication, a combination of video conference and teleconference, in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, June 2, 2021, commencing at 5:00 PM.

Present:

Roy Williams, Chair, Land Development Industry
Brienne English, Oil and Gas Industry
Owen Erskine, Recreation, Culture and Heritage
Carolyn Evancio, Seniors Representative
Cheryl Golosky, Indigenous Representative
Jean-Marc Guillamot, Business Community
Todd Hillier, Safety and Security Sector
Mike Allen, Councillor
Verna Murphy, Councillor

Absent:

Sheri Pidhirney, Business Community
Melanie Walsh, Community Development Sector
Renee Moulard, Public-At-Large
Henry Hunter, Education Sector

Administration:

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management
Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications and Engagement
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
Darlene Soucy, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair Roy Williams called the meeting to order at 5:04 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT that the Agenda be amended by adding Item No. 5.5 - Request for Leave of Absence;

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:	Todd Hillier, Safety and Security Sector
SECONDER:	Cheryl Golosky, Indigenous Representative
FOR:	Golosky, Williams, Hillier, Erskine, Guillamot, English, Evancio
ABSENT:	Pidhirney, Walsh, Moulard, Hunter

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. **Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee - Meeting - May 5, 2021**

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee Meeting held on May 5, 2021 be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carolyn Evancio, Seniors Resource Committee
SECONDER:	Owen Erskine, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Representative
FOR:	Golosky, Williams, Hillier, Erskine, Guillamot, English, Evancio
ABSENT:	Pidhirney, Walsh, Moulard, Hunter

Conflict of Interest and Vacating of Chair

Chair Roy Williams declared a conflict of interest with respect to item 4.1 due to an employment relationship, and exited the meeting at 5:08 p.m., at which time Vice Chair Jean-Marc Guillamot assumed the Chair.

4. Presentations

4.1. David Symes and Gordon Lau, Stantec, re: Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan Update

David Symes and Gordon Lau, Stantec, presented an update on the Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan noting that this is a revitalization plan, which is intended to provide smaller, incremental actions to position the downtown area for growth and future opportunities.

Recess

A recess occurred from 5:38 p.m. to 5:39 p.m. due to technical difficulties.

Return and Resuming the Chair

Chair Roy Williams returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair at 5:42 p.m.

4.2. Josh Bernsen, Lees and Associates, Gregg Kahan Urban Systems, and James Roche, DTAH, re: Waterfront Park Project Update

Josh Bernsen and Lee Giddens, Urban Systems, and Yvonne Battista; DTAH; presented an overview of the Waterfront Park Revitalization Project and the proposed design concept for Priority Area 1.

Disconnect and Reconnect

Councillor M. Allen disconnected from the meeting at 6:11 p.m. and reconnected at 6:16 p.m.

4.3. Caitlin Downie, Community and Protective Services, re: Franklin and Main Park Public Art Update

Caitlin Downie, Manager, Culture and Social Development, presented an overview of the proposed public art for the Franklin and Main Park, which includes a community mural, enhanced chain link fencing, and a bench program, which would have a bench installed in the Park and a sister bench installed in a rural community.

5. New and Unfinished Business

5.1. Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism 5-Year Strategic Plan Request for Engagement

Lisa Sweet, Director, Business and Investment Attraction, Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism (FMWBEDT), provided an overview of FMWBEDT's plan to create a focus group to help develop their five-year strategic plan and invited up to four Committee Members to participate.

MOTION:

THAT Committee Members Owen Erskine, Jean-Marc Guillamot, Todd Hillier, and Roy Williams participate on behalf of the Committee in the Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism’s five-year strategic plan focus group.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brianne English, Oil and Gas Industry
SECONDER:	Cheryl Golosky, Indigenous Representative
FOR:	Golosky, Williams, Hillier, Erskine, Guillamot, English, Evancio
ABSENT:	Pidhirney, Walsh, Moulard, Hunter

5.2. Letter of Support - Franklin and Main Park Naming**MOTION:**

THAT Chair Roy Williams be authorized to send a letter to the Regional Municipality of Wood Buffalo Council in support of the Community Identification Committee recommendation that the Franklin and Main park be named “Kiyām Community Park”.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Cheryl Golosky, Indigenous Representative
SECONDER:	Brianne English, Oil and Gas Industry
FOR:	Golosky, Williams, Hillier, Erskine, Guillamot, English, Evancio
ABSENT:	Pidhirney, Walsh, Moulard, Hunter

5.3. Working Group Updates

Councillor Mike Allen provided an update from the Neighbourhood Safety and Pedestrian Friendly Working Group, noting that they are currently focusing on proper lighting and safety elements in key areas of the downtown, and that the RCMP recently released their 2021 Policing priorities, which includes initiatives and plans for the downtown core.

Owen Erskine, Committee Member, noted that the Beautification and Placemaking Working Group is scheduled to meet in the upcoming weeks.

The Working Groups committed to rating their list of actions and priorities for a future meeting.

5.4. Summer Meeting Schedule

The Committee Members reviewed their meeting schedule and agreed to cancel their July and August meetings, noting that a special meeting could be called if there were any emergent matters during that time.

Exit

Councillor Mike Allen exited the meeting at 6:56 p.m.

MOTION:

THAT regular Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Committee meeting for the month of July be cancelled.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Owen Erskine, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Representative
SECONDER:	Cheryl Golosky, Indigenous Representative
FOR:	Golosky, Williams, Hillier, Erskine, Guillamot, English, Evancio
ABSENT:	Pidhirney, Walsh, Moulard, Hunter

MOTION:

THAT regular Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Committee meeting for the month of August be cancelled.

RESULT:	CARRIED [5 TO 2]
MOVER:	Brianne English, Oil and Gas Industry
SECONDER:	Todd Hillier, Safety and Security Sector
FOR:	Golosky, Williams, Hillier, Erskine, English
AGAINST:	Guillamot, Evancio
ABSENT:	Pidhirney, Walsh, Moulard, Hunter

5.5. Request for Leave of Absence

Sheri Pidhirney, Committee Member, requested a leave of absence until the end of August 2021, which the Committee agreed to grant.

MOTION:

THAT Sheri Pidhirney be excused from Committee Meetings from June 2, 2021 to August 31, 2021 inclusive.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Brianne English, Oil and Gas Industry
SECONDER:	Owen Erskine, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Representative
FOR:	Golosky, Williams, Hillier, Erskine, Guillamot, English, Evancio
ABSENT:	Pidhirney, Walsh, Moulard, Hunter

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:04 p.m.

Chair