

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee held via Electronic Communication in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, September 1, 2021, commencing at 5:00 PM.

Present:

Melanie Walsh, Community Development Sector
Renee Moulard, Public-At-Large
Roy Williams, Land Development Industry
Todd Hillier, Safety and Security Sector
Owen Erskine, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Representative
Jean-Marc Guillamot, Business Community
Brianne English, Oil and Gas Industry
Carolyn Evancio, Seniors Resource Committee and Seniors Representative
Verna Murphy, Councillor
Mike Allen, Councillor

Absent:

Cheryl Golosky, Indigenous Representative
Sheri Pidhirney, Business Community
Henry Hunter, Education Sector

Administration:

Matthew Hough, Deputy Chief Administrative Officer
Jade Brown, Chief Legislative Officer
Deanne Bergey, Director, Community and Protective Services
Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management
Matthew Harrison, Director, Communications and Engagement
Dennis Warr, Director, Engineering

1. Call to Order

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

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Melanie Walsh
SECONDER:	Todd Hillier
FOR:	Walsh, Moulant, Williams, Hillier, Erskine, Guillamot, Evancio
ABSENT:	Golosky, Pidhirney, Hunter, English

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee Meeting - June 2, 2021

MOTION:

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee Meeting held on June 2, 2021, be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Carolyn Evancio
SECONDER:	Owen Erskine
FOR:	Walsh, Moulant, Williams, Hillier, Erskine, Guillamot, Evancio
ABSENT:	Golosky, Pidhirney, Hunter, English

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Kiyam Community Park Updates

Rick Gendron, 818 Studio, and Bipul Bhowmik, Transportation Engineer, Engineering, provided an update on the construction of the Kiyām Community Park, noting that the project is on track and weather dependent.

Entrance

Brianne English, Committee Member, entered the meeting at 5:19 p.m.

Caitlin Downie, Manager, Culture and Social Development, provided an update on the public art and heritage plaque planned for the Kiyām Community Park, noting that installation of all pieces is planned for the spring.

Deanne Bergey, Director, Community Services and Protection, provided an update on the downtown Community Policing Office, which is nearing completion and is intended to be an enhancement to the Timberlea and South Policing detachments.

Lisa Sweet, Director, Business and Investment Attraction, Fort McMurray Wood Buffalo Economic Development and Tourism (FMWBEDT), provided an overview of the Microbusiness Pilot Project Partnership that is planned for the Kiyām Community Park.

This project will be conducted in phases and will have stalls for microbusinesses to set up in the Park before moving to a permanent commercial space.

Exit

Melanie Walsh, Committee Member, exited the meeting at 6:05 p.m.

Conflict of Interest and Vacating of Chair

Chair Roy Williams declared a conflict of interest with respect to Item 4.2 Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan Update due to an employment relationship, and exited the meeting at 6:08 p.m., at which time Vice Chair Jean-Marc Guillamot assumed the Chair.

4.2. Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan Update

Gordon Lau, Stantec, presented an update on the Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan, which is focused on the retention of existing businesses as well as attracting new businesses.

Return and Resuming the Chair

Chair Roy Williams returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair at 6:22 p.m.

4.3. Franklin Avenue Sidewalk Improvement and Light Installation Construction Update

Mazhar Hajhossein, Manager, Infrastructure Planning Development Services, and Ray Cruickshank, Manager, Engineering Programs, provided an update on the Franklin Avenue Sidewalk Improvement Project, noting work is continuing between MacDonald Drive and Morrison Street, with anticipated completion in the fall of 2021 for this phase.

Dushan Baker, Supervisor, Roads, provided an update on the heritage light installation, noting that the lights are expected to arrive and be installed in 2021.

4.4. 2021 Infrastructure and Enhancement Actions Review and Prioritization

Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects, provided an overview of the 2021 infrastructure and enhancement actions and priorities, noting that progress continues in all areas of focus.

4.5. 2022 Infrastructure and Enhancement Priorities

Mazhar Hajhossein, Manager, Infrastructure Planning Development Services, and Stephen Fudge, Manager, Parks, indicated that some 2022 infrastructure and enhancement priorities that the Committee may wish to consider are sidewalk connections between the riverfront and downtown, surface and lighting improvements to Main Street, and future enhancements in the area between King Street and Keyano College, once flood mitigation is completed.

4.6. Roundtable

Committee Members provided updates on various initiatives.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 7:11 p.m.

Chair