

Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee held via Electronic Communications, in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, December 1, 2021, commencing at 9:00 AM.

Present:

Bryce Kumka, Business Community
Bilal Abbas, Public-At-Large
Steven Hale, Education Sector
Jin Li, Public-At-Large
David Secord, Business Community
Beverley Tjarera, Community Development
Ijeoma Uche-Ezeala, Public-At-Large
Curtis Williams, Community Development
Stu Wigle, Councillor

Absent:

Diana Noble, Public-At-Large
Dan Soupal, Land Development Industry
Scott Jackson, Oil and Gas Industry
Jessica Bowles, Health and Wellness Field
Justin MacNeil, Arts, Culture and Recreation Sector

Administration:

Kelly Hansen, Director, Strategic Planning and Program Management
Brad McMurdo, Director, Planning and Development
Monica Lance, Manager, Special Projects
Sonia Soutter, Manager, Senior Legislative Officer
Heather Fredeen, Legislative Officer

1. Call to Order

Chair B. Kumka called the meeting to order at 9:04 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Ijeoma Uche-Ezeala, Public-At-Large
SECONDER:	Curtis Williams, Community Development
FOR:	Kumka, Li, Secord, Tjarera, Williams, Uche-Ezeala, Abbas, Hale
ABSENT:	Noble, Soupai, Jackson, Bowles, MacNeil

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting - November 3, 2021

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee Meeting held on November 3, 2021, be approved as presented.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Curtis Williams, Community Development
SECONDER:	David Secord, Business Community
FOR:	Kumka, Li, Secord, Tjarera, Williams, Uche-Ezeala, Abbas, Hale
ABSENT:	Noble, Soupai, Jackson, Bowles, MacNeil

4. New and Unfinished Business

4.1. Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development re: Downtown Revitalization Incentive Program Progress Update

Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development provided a presentation on the Downtown Revitalization Incentive Program noting that the program is specific to downtown businesses and apartment buildings. An overview of promotional efforts undertaken by Administration and program update statistics was provided. It was noted through discussion that the incentive program is an investment into the downtown even if the property owner receiving the grant does not remain at the property.

4.2. Brad McMurdo, Director, and Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development, re: Red Tape Reduction - Planning and Development Process Review Project Update

Brad McMurdo, Director, and Amanda Haitas, Senior Manager, Planning and Development provided an update on the Red Tape Reduction - Planning and Development's Process Review Project noting that an internal review of documents and processes and process flow maps to identify improvements, have been completed.

4.3. Bryce Kumka, Chair re: Red Tape Reduction Communication Update

Monica Lance, Manager, Strategic Planning and Program Management indicated that a meeting has been scheduled between the Committee and the Associate Minister, Red Tape Reduction on January 25, 2021. Further details of the meeting will be discussed at the Committee meeting in January.

Action

The Provinces' Red Tape Reduction Annual Report to be circulated to Committee members prior to next Committee meeting.

MOTION:

That the Chair on behalf of the Wood Buffalo Development Advisory Committee, submit a request to present to Council at their January 11, 2021 meeting, an annual update and an update on the Committee's Red Tape Reduction initiatives, in advance of the Committee's January 25, 2021 meeting with the Associate Minister, Red Tape Reduction.

RESULT:	CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Bilal Abbas, Public-At-Large
SECONDER:	David Secord, Business Community
FOR:	Kumka, Li, Secord, Tjarera, Williams, Uche-Ezeala, Abbas, Hale
ABSENT:	Noble, Soupal, Jackson, Bowles, MacNeil

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 10:45 a.m.

Chair