Minutes of a Meeting of the Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee held via electronic communications in Fort McMurray, Alberta, on Wednesday, July 6, 2022, commencing at 5:00 PM.

Present:

Owen Erskine, Recreation, Culture and Heritage Representative
Brianne English, Oil and Gas Industry
Carolyn Evancio, Seniors Resource Committee Representative
Jean-Marc Guillamot, Business Community
Todd Hillier, Safety and Security Sector
Henry Hunter, Education Sector
Lance Bussieres, Councillor

Absent:

Renee Mouland, Public-At-Large
Marty Noskey, Indigenous Representative
Melanie Walsh, Community Development Sector
Funky Banjoko, Councillor

Administration:

Amanda Haitas, Acting Director, Planning and Development
Monica Lance, Manager, Strategic Planning and Program Management
Darlene Soucy, Clerk, Legislative Services

1. Call to Order

Chair O. Erskine called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

MOTION:

THAT the Agenda be adopted as presented.

RESULT:	**CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brianne English
SECONDER:	Henry Hunter
FOR:	Erskine, English, Evancio, Guillamot, Hillier, Hunter
ABSENT:	Mouland, Noskey, Walsh

3. Minutes of Previous Meetings

3.1. Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee Meeting - May 4, 2022

THAT the Minutes of the Wood Buffalo Downtown Revitalization Advisory Committee Meeting held on May 4, 2022, be approved as presented.

RESULT:	**CARRIED [UNANIMOUS]**
MOVER:	Brianne English
SECONDER:	Carolyn Evancio
FOR:	Erskine, English, Evancio, Guillamot, Hillier, Hunter
ABSENT:	Mouland, Noskey, Walsh

4. Presentation

4.1. Liana Wheeldon, Arts Council Wood Buffalo, re: Arts Inc. - The Spot for Creativity

Liana Wheeldon, Executive Director, and Sharon Heading, Partnerships Manager, Arts Council Wood Buffalo, presented an overview of the proposed arts incubator located in the downtown, which would become a creative centre for artists and the community and would provide purpose-built creative maker spaces to fill a gap in arts infrastructure within the Region.

5. New and Unfinished Business

5.1. Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan Update

Selina Chen, Supervisor, Development Control and Permitting, Planning and Development, presented an update on the Downtown Area Redevelopment Plan (the Plan), noting that a draft Plan, which reflects the needs of residents for an active downtown, should be available for public engagement before the end of 2022.

5.2. Wayfinding Strategy and Plan Update

Nadia Power, Manager, Public Engagement, Communications and Engagement, provided an update on the wayfinding plan, noting that public engagement is currently underway to solicit feedback for a regional wayfinding strategy and to help develop a detailed plan for downtown Fort McMurray and the waterfront area, which will support the development of guiding principles.

5.3. Kiyām Community Park Update

Ribbon Cutting Event Update

Nadia Power, Manager, Public Engagement, Communications and Engagement, provided an update on the Kiyām Community Park ribbon cutting event, noting that planning is in progress and the date of the event will be determined when construction is nearing substantial completion.

Public Art Update

Isela Contreras-Dogbe, Manager, Culture and Social Development, presented an update on the public art for Kiyām Community Park, noting that design of the mural for the building wall is being finalized and the sister benches for the Park are being fabricated by the artists and installation of these art pieces is anticipated this construction season.

5.4. Accessibility Audit Project Update

Isela Contreras-Dogbe, Manager, Culture and Social Development, provided an update on the Accessibility Audit Project, noting that the Accessibility Audit Working Group is finalizing the scope of the Project and indicated that public engagement would be done to solicit feedback from residents.

5.5. Working Group Update

Jean-Marc Guillamot, Vice-Chair, provided on update on Working Group No. 2 Neighbourhood Safety and Pedestrian Friendly, which recently met with Administration to discuss snow and ice control in the downtown area of Fort McMurray. It was noted that feedback indicated that areas of concern include the clearing of sidewalks, the removal of snow piles in public and private parking lots and the lack of areas to put the snow in the downtown. The Working Group will continue to research solutions and strategies that consider costs as well as safety and community cleanliness.

5.6. Meeting Schedule Update

Darlene Soucy, Clerk, Legislative Services, noted that following today’s meeting, the Committee is on a scheduled recess in alignment with Council’s schedule under the Procedure Bylaw so the next regular Committee meeting will be October 5, 2022, and if the need arises before October, a Special Meeting can be scheduled.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.

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Chair