

Youth Council Meeting Minutes
March 1, 2023
7:00pm – 8:00pm
Hybrid: TEAMS & City Hall, Lang Rm

In Attendance

Ava Bendick
Colby Mask
Sorrow Donkin
Councillor Jib Abitoye
Kristi Wahl, Administrative Support

Regrets

Joseph Drake

1.0 Welcome and Call to Order

Call to Order Motion by Colby Mask called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm. Seconded by Ava Bendick. CARRIED.

2.0 Approve Agenda

MOTION by Ava Bendick to approve the agenda. Seconded by Sorrow Donkin. CARRIED.

3.0 Approve Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Colby Mask to approve the meeting minutes. Seconded by Ava Bendick. CARRIED.

4.0 Presentation

- a. Lyndsay Francis, Senior Planner and Kylie Hill, Planning Officer presented on the Land Use Bylaw;
- b. Shared the YouTube video “What Planners Do”;
- c. The Land Use Bylaw (LUB) set standards of development on private land. Establishes rules and regulations for land development. The Municipal Development Plan (adopted in 2021) determines the vision and goals that determine the LUB.;
- d. Shared the MDP Pillars video from the Fort Saskatchewan Website.

5.0 City of Fort Saskatchewan Council Update

- a. River Valley Alliance; follow the North Saskatchewan river and is approximately 100 km’s of trail and they are finishing up the last of the trail. This project involves all 3 levels of Government and involves 6 municipalities, the goal is to have the project completely finished by 2025;
- b. River Valley road is being closed due to safety;
- c. Policing Committee is hosting a Town Hall on March 8th;

- d. Currently Municipal Enforcement is unable to take any rescued animals to local shelters due to them all being full.

6.0 Youth Advisory Committee Update

- a. Youth Advisory Committee has started planning for YouthFest 2023 which is scheduled for June 3, 2023;
- b. Fundraising is taking place March 22nd at the Fort Cinema to help provide schools with a student support fund.

7.0 Presentation to Mayor and Council

- a. Due to Youth Council now having a strategic plan and action items the Council is working on the group is ready to present to Mayor and Council;
- b. Kristi will tentatively book a spot at a May Council of the Whole meeting.

8.0 Food Bank Update

- a. Due to Joseph Drake being absent Colby Mask shared his knowledge of the Food Bank because he is a volunteer with the organization;
- b. The current Food Bank is moving towards becoming a Food Gatherers Society and they want to incorporate garden beds, a commercial kitchen and a board room space to their current location;
- c. Colby Mask provided this statement: “People who need support getting enough to eat often also need support in other ways. The goal of transitioning to a nourishment center is to create a single place to address many different needs, allowing us to better support the needs of individuals and the community.”

9.0 Presentation

- a. Kickstart had to cancel their presentation.

10.0 Policing Committee

- a. Youth Council has been invited to attend the Policing Committee’s Town hall on March 8th at 7pm;
- b. Colby Mask and Ava Bendick shared with the Policing Committee the Youth Council’s Democracy results in regards to youth feeling safe in the Fort Saskatchewan Community;
- c. The Policing Committee are interested in collaborating with Youth Council to dig deeper into what is causing youth to not feel safe in the community; together the groups will come up with a plan.

11.0 Youth Council Budget

- a. \$1500; giveaways, holiday celebration, t-shirts and other swag, conference/training/workshops;
- b. With conferences starting to happen again the decision was made to increase the budget to \$2000;
- c. Sorrow will create a budget and present it at the April Youth Council meeting.

12.0 Guest Speakers

- a. April – Barb Holmes – Keeping Fort Sask Beautiful
- b. May – Brian Rogers Waste Water and Water Management

13.0 Next Meeting

April 5, 2023

14.0 Adjournment

MOTION by Councillor Jibs Abitoye to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 PM. Seconded by Colby Mask. **CARRIED.**