

Youth Council Monthly Meeting Minutes
February 7, 2024
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Hybrid: TEAMS and Lang Rm, City Hall

In Attendance

Ava Bendick
Colby Mask
Kristi Wahl, City Liaison
Sparrow Leanord
Lebron Macahia
Sorrow Donkin
Carla Salgado
Leandra Kapseu
Mya White
Marcus Macahia
Dara Olagunju
Sarah Parker

Regrets

Ceb Delaney
Councillor Jibs Abitoye
Juliette Carignan

1.0 Welcome, Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement

Call to Order Motion by Sorrow Donkin called the meeting to order at 6:07 pm. Seconded by Ava Bendick. CARRIED. Colby Mask completed the Land Acknowledgement.

2.0 Approve Agenda

- a. Amendment to agenda, 11.0 a change from Avan to Ava.

MOTION by Mya White to approve the amended agenda. Seconded by Lebron Macahia. CARRIED.

3.0 Approve Meeting Minutes

MOTION by Ava Bendick to approve the January Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Sorrow Donkin. CARRIED.

4.0 Guest Speaker

- a. Tricia Wall, Library Director, Fort Saskatchewan Public Library. The library just completed their five year Plan of Service after community consultation that occurred in 2023.

- b. The Fort Saskatchewan Public Library (FSPL) provides residents with free library cards and is fine free, unless the book is lost or damaged. FSPL has a joint catalog with Strathcona and it only takes a few days to get books in from the other location.
- c. The FSPL is dedicated in helping individuals find the types of books they want and if they do not have it, they will go on a search for it through other libraries or order it.
- d. The FSPL got a grant from local industry to increase their teen non-fiction section and local students went with the library staff to Indigo to purchase actual books that interested them.
- e. The Maker Space at the library is 10 years old and the equipment and game system are in need of updating. Through consultation with the public the library is creating meeting space within the Maker Space for groups to use and one of the Study Spaces has been changed to a games room and is called the Collaboratory.
- f. The FSPL is offering a Resume Tutor, individuals are able to book a one hour session to work with someone on their resume and print the resume off.
- g. The FSPL is looking to increase their teen programming and are looking for input, Youth Council may be a great group to provide that.

5.0 City of Fort Saskatchewan Council Update

- a. Update provided at next meeting.

6.0 Youth Advisory Committee Update

- a. Fundraising letter is being delivered to local businesses to see if there is any interest in collaboration to fundraise.
- b. Pink Shirt Day, February 28th at BGC, time of event is still to be determined.
- c. Mental Health Week, May 6-10th Proclamation Signing.

7.0 Youth Council Action Items

- a. Policing Committee collaboration on Safer Community.
 - i. Policing Committee is in the process of doing a strategic plan.
- b. Engaging Parks and natural spaces.
 - i. Need to decide on four summer events/activities and park locations to host at for 2024 Summer.
- c. Transportation within Fort Saskatchewan and regionally.
 - i. Transit will be moving to the ARC program and is currently attending various youth organizations and schools to inform of the change.
- d. Recreation and Culture
 - i. Truth and Reconciliation presentation to Youth Council in April.
 - ii. Fort Heritage Precinct presentation and Youth Council input session in March.
 - iii. Harbour Pool presentation, lifesaving water activity and a session on “How to Become a Lifeguard”. March 16th, in the morning as a potential that works for members.

8.0 Sub-Committees

- a. Engaging Parks and Natural Spaces

- i. Colby Mask, Ceb Delaney, Marcus Macahia, Sparrow Leanord, Sarah Parker, Dara Olagunju, Sorrow Donkin.
- b. Safe Community
 - i. Ava Bendick, Lebron Macahia, Sorrow Donkin, Sarah Parker, Carla Saglado, Mya White.
- c. Mental Health and Family Doctor Access
 - i. Colby Mask, Carla Saglado, Sarah Parker, Sorrow Donkin, Mya White.
- d. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
 - i. Dara Olagunju, Sorrow Donkin, Lebron Macahia, Carla Salgado, Ceb Delaney.
- e. Youth Serving Organization Partnerships
 - i. Colby Mask, Ava Bendick, Sarah Parker, Mya White, Lebron Macahia.

9.0 Mental Health and Doctor Access

- a. Update at next meeting.

10.0 Fort Record Monthly Submission

- a. February – Sparrow Leanord
- b. March – Lebron Macahia
- c. April – Leandra Kapseu
- d. May – Carla Salgado
- e. June – Mya White

11.0 Youth Council Conference

- a. Team Building Activity, Update. Sparrow Leanord, Ava Bendick, Sorrow Donkin, Sarah Parker.

12.0 Guest Speakers

- a. March: Stephanie Huolt, Fort Heritage Precinct
- b. April: Jessica Weller, Truth and Reconciliation
- c. May: Filipe dos Santos, The Bridge Youth Wellness Hub
- d. June: Brenna Kelly, Urban Forest
- e. September: Jenelle Hart and Barb Holmes, Parks Department

13.0 Roundtable

- a. Sparrow Leanord shared that the Spring Round Dance is upcoming in March. The Indigenous Society is offering Pow Wow Dancing on Wednesday evenings and Cultural Expression on Sundays at the Bridge.
- b. Colby Mask updated on the Food Bank Challenge and that there are four schools that are participating in the Youth Council Challenge, St Andre Bessette, Our Lady of the Angels School, Fort Saskatchewan Elementary and Fort Saskatchewan High School.
- c. Ava Bendick shared that Fort Saskatchewan High School will be presenting Les Miserable in May 9th at the Shell Theatre.

14.0 Next Meeting

March 6, 2024

15.0 Adjournment

MOTION by Ava Bendick to adjourn the meeting at 8:12pm. Seconded by Sorrow Donkin.
CARRIED.