

Youth Council Monthly Meeting Minutes
January 10, 2024
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Hybrid: TEAMS and Lang Rm, City Hall

In Attendance

Ava Bendick
Colby Mask
Kristi Wahl, City Liaison
Councillor Jibs Abitoye
Sparrow Leanord
Lebron Macahia
Sorrow Donkin
Carla Salgado
Leandra Kapseu
Mya White

Regrets

Ceb Delaney
Marcus Macahia

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

MOTION by Mya White to approve the agenda. Seconded by Sparrow Leanord. CARRIED.

3.0 Approve Meeting Minutes

- a. **MOTION** by Ava Bendick to approve the November 2023 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Sorrow Donkin. CARRIED.
- b. **MOTION** by Councillor Abitoye to approve the December 2023 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Sorrow Donkin. CARRIED.

4.0 Guest Speaker

- a. Mandy Chan, Planner, Urban Agriculture Presentation.
 - i. Recently participated in an Urban Agriculture community input; purpose was to create awareness, understanding public support, and economic diversification. Had 88 participants and 81% of those participants thought about growing food in the City and 85% believe that the Urban Agriculture is important in Fort Saskatchewan.
 - ii. Currently the Urban Agriculture is in the data analysis, and development of a vision and guiding principles.

- b. Lindsey Radford, Supervisor Transit, Arc Presentation.
 - i. Arc is a regional program that is electronic, account based transit; allows passengers to use the same fare media on any transit agency reduces amount of cash used.
 - ii. Fort Saskatchewan will be moving to the Arc program for Standard Adult/Youth/Students February 1st, Seniors March 1st and Individuals with a Subsidy April 15th. It will be a “Pay-as-You-Go” program means you pay for one trip at a time and there is a fare cap per month and a flat rate fare.
 - iii. Fort Saskatchewan Transit is also in the process of evaluating Route 580 and potentially bringing forward to Council a move from Clareview to Sherwood Park’s Bethel Centre. Transit will be doing a review this year of local service.

5.0 City of Fort Saskatchewan Council Update

- a. Public engagement of the aquatic center will potentially be going into the Fort Saskatchewan Census.

5.0 Youth Advisory Committee Update

- a. Are currently looking at fundraising opportunities to raise funds for local youth, one idea the group has is to reach out to local Barbers for a potential haircut donation day.
- b. Youth Advisory Committee will be planning to attend BGC’s Pink Shirt event this year and would like Youth Council to consider attending as well.
- c. Mental Health Week, May 6-10th, YAC is potentially going to participate and there may be the opportunity to collaborate with Youth Council.

6.0 Youth Council Chair and Vice Chair Positions

- a. Youth Council Chair Nominations; Ava Bendick and Sorrow Donkin nominate Colby Mask; Colby Mask accepts nomination; Sparrow Leanord nominates self. Anonymous vote, Colby Mask (5 votes); Sparrow Leanord (1 vote); Colby Mask accepts the Chair for the 2024 Term.
- b. Youth Council Vice Chair Nominations: Ava Bendick nominates self and Lebron Macahia nominates self. Anonymous vote, Ava Bendick (2 votes); Lebron Macahia (4 votes); Lebron Macahia accepts Vice-Chair for the 2024 Term.

7.0 Youth Council Terms of Reference

- a. An amendment needs to be made to 5.6 spacing in the Terms of Reference.
- b. **MOTION** by Sparrow Leanord to approve the Terms of Reference with amendment.

In Favour (6): Sparrow Leanord, Lebron Macahia, Colby Mask, Sorrow Donkin, Ava Bendick, Councillor Abitoye.

Absent: Marcus Macahia, Ceb Delaney.

CARRIED

8.0 Youth Council Action Items

- a. Policing Committee collaboration on Safer Community.
 - i. Policing Committee meets January 18th and will provide an update after.
- 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, Youth Council has the opportunity to become Ambassadors to help promote and educate youth about the new program.
- 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”.

9.0 Mental Health and Doctor Access

- a. The first step will be seeing if through the FCSSAA and with the interest of other Regional Youth Councils if the various ministries would be interested in meeting with the Youth Councils to hear their concerns.
- b. The second step will be to send a letter to the various Ministries; Colby Mask has worked on a draft letter.

10.0 Food Bank Challenge

- a. Councillor Abitoye provided some changes, Kristi Wahl will make these changes and then send the letter via email to be voted on through email.

11.0 Fort Record Monthly Submission

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

12.0 Youth Council Conference

- a. Regional Youth Council Conference will be held on April 27th 9am – 4pm at Calahoo Hall, “The Power of YOUth Conference”.
- b. Fort Saskatchewan is responsible for one break out activity, 45 minutes, Team Building Activity, who would like to work on this; Ava Bendick, Sorrow Donkin and Sparrow Leanord will take on the responsibility of coming up with a Team Building Activity.

13.0 Guest Speakers

- a. February: Tricia Wall, Fort Saskatchewan Public Library
- b. March: Stephanie Huolt, Fort Heritage Precinct
- c. April: Jessica Weller, Truth and Reconciliation

14.0 Roundtable

- a. Ava Bendick invites Youth Council members to Les Miserables the play in May, Fort Sask High School is putting the play on, details to be provided later.
- b. Councillor Abitoye invites Youth Council to the Proclamation signing for Black History Month in February, details to be provided later.

15.0 Next Meeting

February 7, 2024

16.0 Adjournment

MOTION by Ava Bendick to adjourn the meeting at 8:20pm. Seconded by Sorrow Donkin.
CARRIED.