



**CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN MINUTES
YOUTH COUNCIL**

**May 1, 2024, 6:00 p.m.
Lang Room - City Hall**

In Attendance:

Colby Mask
Kristi Wahl, City Liaison
Councillor Jibs Abitoye
Carla Salgado
Leandra Kapseu
Sarah Parker
Lebron Macahia
Marcus Macahia
Sparrow Leanord

Absent:

Juliette Carignan
Dara Olagunju
Sorrow Donkin
Ava Bendick
Mya White

1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Councillor Jibs Abitoye called the May 1, 2024 Youth Council meeting to order at 6:02 p.m. Colby Mask acknowledged that the City of Fort Saskatchewan is located within Treaty 6 Territory and Métis Nation of Alberta District 11; the ancestral and traditional territory of the Nehiyawak, Dene, Blackfoot, Saulteaux, Nakota Sioux, and Métis. We acknowledge the many First Nations, Métis and Inuit whose footsteps have marked these lands for generations. It is because of our treaty relationship that we can live, work, and play on Treaty 6 Territory.

2. Approval of Agenda

An Amendment to May 1, 2024, Agenda was presented to include:

- a. Transit request for Letter
- b. Summer Meetings

MOVED BY Carla Salgado to approve the amended agenda for the May 1, 2024 Youth Council meeting. Seconded by Sarah Parker.

CARRIED

3. Approval of Minutes

MOVED BY Sparrow Leanord to approve the April 3, 2024 meeting minutes. Seconded by Leandra Kapseu.

CARRIED

4. Guest Speaker

Filipe dos Santos, Executive Director of the Bridge Wellness Hub for Youth, presented to the Youth Council regarding:

- Kickstand being the funder of the Bridge, which follows the Foundry method that can be found throughout British Columbia.
- Alberta will have four youth hubs throughout.
- Services offered onsite are Addictions Counselling, Psychologists, Nurse Practitioner, Restorative Justice, Employability Workshop and Rainbow Alliance.

5. City of Fort Saskatchewan Council Update

- a. A current Bike Skills Park study is being conducted to see if it is feasible and the various locations and features it could offer.
- b. Aquatics Facility is still on the census and is open until June 1st.

6. Transit Request

MOVED BY Colby Mask to draft a letter for Youth Councils review in favor of Transit doing a services review. Seconded by Sparrow Leanord.

CARRIED

7. Youth Advisory Committee Update

- a. Currently meetings have started for Deadwood, which is the haunted walk through the museum grounds with actors. This event is scheduled to take place October 18 and 19th and is in collaboration with the Fort Heritage Precinct.
- b. YouthFest 2024 is set to take place June 1st from 10am – 4pm at Legacy Park, there will be an art walk available for youth to participate in and a collaborative community art project.

8. Sub-Committee Updates

- a. Engaging Parks and Natural Spaces
- b. Safe Community
- c. Mental Health and Family Doctor Access, Colby Mask has created a draft letter for the Fort Saskatchewan MLA.
- d. Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
- e. Youth Serving Organization Partnerships
- f. Transit – Supporting local Transit Supervisor in getting input from local youth on local transit.

9. Fort Record Monthly Submission

- a. May – Carla Salgado
- b. June – Mya White
- c. September – Sarah Parker
- d. October
- e. November
- f. December – Marcus Macahia

10. Summer Meetings

MOVED BY Colby Mask to continue meeting during the summer. Seconded by Carla Salgado.

Six Votes in Favour, One Vote Against.

CARRIED

11. Future Guest Speakers

- a. June: Brenna Kelly, Urban Forest
- b. September: Jenelle Hart and Barb Holmes, Parks Department
- c. October: Families First Society
- d. November: Erin Duncan, Economic Development
- e. December: Jessica Weller, Culture and Heritage Supervisor
 - i. Tour of Food Bank as a fall possibility.
 - ii. Twice But Nice as a potential guest.

12. Roundtable

Due to repeat absence, Youth Council chose to remove Juliette Carignan from Youth Council members list.

13. Next Meeting

The next Youth Council meeting was set for June 5, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lang Room.

14. Adjournment

MOVED BY Sparrow Leanord to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Seconded by Lebron Macahia.

CARRIED