



**YOUTH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
October 1, 2025,
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Lang Rm, City Hall**

In Attendance:

Kristi Wahl, City Liaison
Carla Salgado
Colby Mask
Ava Bendick
Sorrow Donkin
Lebron Macahia

Absent:

Dara Olagunju
Leandra Kapseu
Claire Batalla
Mya White

1.0 Welcome, Land Acknowledgement

Colby Mask acknowledged that the City of Fort Saskatchewan is located on Treaty 6 territory and Metis Nation of Alberta District 11. We recognize that we stand upon land that carries the footsteps of many Indigenous Peoples, including the Nehiyawak, Dene, Blackfoot, Saulteaux, Nakota Sioux, and Metis. The City honours the First Peoples of this land and is committed to fostering reconciliation through relationship building, knowledge gathering, and education.

2.0 Approve Agenda

- a. Do not have quorum.

3.0 Approve Meeting Minutes

- a. June 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes.
- b. September 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes.
- c. Do not have quorum.

4.0 Fort Saskatchewan Art Society; Margaret Booker and Jacquelyn Beaudet.

- a. The Fort Saskatchewan Art Society has been in operation 9 years and celebrating 10 years in 2026. The group is made up of individuals who love art. Memberships is \$35 and the group gets together once a month to do art together. Youth are welcome and encouraged to join.
- b. The group offers classes both to members and the community at large.
- c. The group is preparing for an Art Show and Sale on November 8th and currently looking for members.

5.0 Dhun Presentation by Vishwa Barot

- a. Dhun: Chill. Connect. Grow. To bring South Asian youth together to participate in activities and events, as well as, to offer space to have youth connect.
- b. The hope is to seek volunteers to help plan an event.

6.0 City of Fort Saskatchewan Council Update

- a. Currently no Council Representative.

7.0 Youth Advisory Committee Update

- a. Deadwood 2025, October 17th and 18th at the Fort Heritage, entrance is the Courthouse, 7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
- b. Give Back Project for Caregivers.
- c. Spooky Walk at the Library; October 25th.

8.0 Upcoming Activities, Workshops and Conference

- a. Regional Youth Conference; Ava Bendick and Sorrow Donkin. Had the first meeting last month and have started the process of planning.
- b. Strategic Plan, Mission/Vision statements Dara Olagunju, was not in attendance.
- c. River Valley Alliance; Geocache Event, the event was successful with a decent turnout.
- d. Young Adult Event, PowerPoint Presentation, Carla Salgado, Claire Batalla has agreed to help.
- e. Food Bank School Challenge, Leandra Kapseu will be lead.
- f. Tour of Shanked Computer Recycling Inc. (11602 Hayes Crescent, Acheson) November 12th, 11am.
- g. Harbour Pool is asking for Youth Council input on Instructor Guard, youth shared that advertising through Social Media would be helpful and to go where Youth are at school. An open house is another suggestion, in the late Winter/early Spring to share all of the City of Fort Saskatchewan job opportunities that are offered.

9.0 Snow Angels Program

- a. Youth Council will be taking on an individual in the downtown core. Kristi will share more details and information as it becomes available. Mya White has agreed to help.

10.0 Fort Record Monthly Submission

- a. October – Lebron Macahia
- b. November – Ava Bendick
- c. December – Mya White

11.0 Guest Speakers

- a. November –
- b. December – Darryl Bury from Families First Society
- c. January –
- d. February – Debra Colorossa from BGC

12.0 Roundtable

- a. Colby Mask is potentially moving to Saskatoon to pursue his dream of research and working on his thesis.
- b. Carla Salgado shared that the Cotton Candy store is doing a fundraiser that for each unopened package of feminine products brought in you receive a container of cotton candy and your name goes in a draw.
- c. Sorrow Donkin has been working very hard doing lights and sound in prep for a play called the Moors, Sorrow has shared the link to the play on WhatsApp. It will be at U of A.

13.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for November 5, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lang Room.