



CITY OF FORT SASKATCHEWAN MINUTES YOUTH COUNCIL

**January 8, 2025, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Lang Rm, City Hall**

In Attendance:

Kristi Wahl, City Liaison
Carla Salgado
Colby Mask
Councillor Ajibola Abitoye
Dara Olagunju
Sarah Parker
Claire Batalla
Ava Bendick
Sorrow Donkin

Absent:

Leandra Kapseu
Mya White
Lebron Macahia
Scarlet Ellis

1.0 Welcome, Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement

Ava Bendick **MOTIONS** to call the January 8, 2025 Youth Council meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.

Carla Salgado Seconded.

CARRIED.

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

MOVED BY Ava Bendick to approve the agenda for the January 8, 2025 Youth Council meeting agenda. Seconded by Carla Salgado.

CARRIED.

3.0 Approve Meeting Minutes

- a. **MOVED by** Ava Bendick to approve the December 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Sarah Parker.

CARRIED.

4.0 City of Fort Saskatchewan Council Update

- a. Council has just started meeting again for the 2025 year.

5.0 Youth Advisory Committee Update

- a. Volunteering at Rivercrest on January 29th from 2:30pm – 3:30pm, playing BINGO. On February 7th Rudolph Hennig Drama students will be coming to do a scene from the play they are producing this March.
- b. Deadwood 2025 is taking place this October at the Fort Heritage Precinct, looking at October 17th and 18th.

6.0 Upcoming Activities, Workshops and Conference

- a. Volleyball Tournament, February 22nd, 1pm – 4pm; Sarah and Scarlet.
 - I. Theme Bump ‘Set’ Beach
 - II. Will have one side for fun games and the other for more competitive.
 - III. Booster Juice has agreed to provide snack size boosters to participants.
- b. Youth Conference, April 12th, Sorrow and Leandra .
 - I. Will be creating a save the date to send out to other youth councils.
- c. Cram-a-Thon, January 10th 6pm – 10pm, Lebron and Dara
- d. Strategic Planning Session, Part 1: January 11th 9-1pm, City Hall, Lang Rm, Part 2: February 6th 9am – 3pm, City Hall Lang Rm, Dara and Ava
- e. Fort Centre Park Statue Naming, Colby, Carla and Sarah
 - I. Will be asking local groups, agencies and schools to submit a few names for consideration of the four statues.

7.0 Food Bank Challenge 2025

- a. Food Bank Challenge begins February
- b. Local Schools Participating are Next Step, Fort Saskatchewan High, Win Ferguson and St Andre Bessette.
- c. Kristi will send an email to the other schools that have not confirmed or declined participation and see if a couple more schools are interested.

8.0 Fort Record Monthly Submission

- a. January – Councillor Abitoye
- b. February – Leandra Kapseu

- c. March – Sorrow Donkin
- d. April – Carla Salgado
- e. May – Claire Batalla

9.0 Holiday Gathering

- a. Modo Mio, January 17, 2025, 6:00 – 8:00pm.

10.0 Guest Speakers

- a. February: Hanna McGee, Youth Outreach Coordinator, SAFFRON Centre
- b. March: Lindsey Radford, Fort Transit
- c. April: Gloria Brathwaite, Fort Black Society
- d. June: Maryann Woodman, River Valley Alliance

11.0 Roundtable

- a. Council Abitoye shared that the Fort Black Society is looking at hosting a tasting event on February 22nd, 3:30-5:30pm and there may be some opportunity for Youth Council to attend and help out.
- b. The Bridge did like the idea of collaborating with Youth Council to offer Young Adult events, Claire Batalla and Carla Salgado will be leads.

12.0 Next Meeting

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

13.0 Adjournment

MOVED BY Ava Bendick to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Sarah Parker.

CARRIED.