



YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**April 2, 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
Leandra Kapseu
Dara Olagunju
Claire Batalla
Councillor Ajibola Abitoye
Mya White

Absent:

Sarah Parker
Scarlet Ellis

1.0 Welcome, Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement

Mya White **MOTIONS** to call the April 2, 2025 Youth Council meeting to order at 6:06 p.m.
Sorrow Donkin 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 honors 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 Lebron Macahia to approve the agenda for the April 2, 2025 Youth Council meeting agenda. Seconded by Dara Olagunju.

CARRIED.

3.0 Approve Meeting Minutes

- a. **MOVED by** Carla Salgado to approve the March 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Sorrow Donkin.

CARRIED.

4.0 Fort Black Society, Chair, Gloria Brathwaite

- a. Officially a registered Society as of 2021, have three pillars, Serve, Educate and volunteer.
- b. Host a proclamation for Black History Month, a summer BBQ, a Taste of Africa and the Caribbean, and attend community events.

5.0 City of Fort Saskatchewan Council Update

- a. Next Council meeting a few design options will be provided for the aquatics facility.
- b. The cost of a Transit increase of offering weekend and evenings will be discussed.

6.0 Youth Advisory Committee Update

- a. Deadwood October 17, 18 2025.
- b. YouthFest 2025, June 7th, Art Walk and Chalk Art Contest.
- c. Rivercrest Volunteer for a Carnival on May 2nd.

7.0 Upcoming Activities, Workshops and Conference

- a. Volleyball Tournament, Sarah Parker and Scarlet Ellis, July 24th.
- b. Youth Conference, April 12th, Sorrow Donkin and Leandra Kapseu.
- c. Cram-a-Thon, May 30th ; Ava Bendick, Sorrow Donkin and Carla Salgado.
- d. Strategic Plan, Mission/Vision statements Dara Olagunju and Ava Bendick, presented the Strat Plan.
- e. Heritage Trails Park Statue Naming, Colby Mask, Carla Salgado and Sarah Parker, currently live and accepting submissions.
- f. Young Adult Event @ the Bridge, Carla Salgado and Claire Batalla, planned for May 9th, Mental Health Week, a Scavenger Hunt.

8.0 Fort Record Monthly Submission

- a. April – Carla Salgado
- b. May – Claire Batalla
- c. June – Scarlet Ellis

9.0 Guest Speakers

- a. May: Andrew Kaiser, Director, Legislature Services

- b. June: Maryann Woodman, River Valley Alliance

10.0 Roundtable

- a. Plan for Garbage picking in the weeks to come. Will determine a few and let the group know.
- b. Victim Services is now CARVSS (Central Alberta Regional Victim Serving Society), will invite them to present at a future Youth Council meeting.
- c. Viktoriia Yalanska, Downtown Development Coordinator, has agreed to provide a downtown walk of the local murals, with a bit of history behind each one.
- d. A Bike Skills Park engagement session is being hosted on April 16th at 6:30pm virtually and it would be nice to have representation.
- e. Fort High is doing Phantom of the Opera, come support Ava Bendick in a leading role, on May 8th.

11.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for May 7, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lang Room.

12.0 Adjournment

MOVED BY Lebron Macahia to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m. Seconded by Mya White.

CARRIED.