



**YOUTH COUNCIL
UNAPPROVED MEETING MINUTES
May 6, 2026
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Lang Rm, City Hall**

In Attendance:

Councillor Patrick Noyen
Kristi Wahl, City Liaison
Ava Bendick
Dara Olagunju
Leandra Kapseu
Lebron Macahia
Samantha Sadili
Vishwa Barot

Absent:

Sorrow Donkin
Carla Salgado
Mya White

1.0 Welcome, Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement

Lebron Macahia **MOTIONS** to call the May 6, 2026 Youth Council meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.
Dara Olagunju Seconded.

CARRIED.

Leandra Kapseu 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 Vishwa Barot to approve the agenda for the May 6, 2026 Youth Council meeting agenda. Seconded by Dara Olagunju.

CARRIED.

3.0 Approve Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY Leandra Kapseu to approve the Meeting Minutes for the April 1, 2026 Youth Council meeting agenda. Seconded by Lebron Macahia.

CARRIED.

4.0 Kyle Waite, Parks Services, City of Fort Saskatchewan Presentation

- a. The Parks department consists of 15 full time staff and 40 seasonal staff. There are currently 500 blue garbage bins that have to be changed.
- b. Recently updated the Parkland Bylaw, last update was 1994. The Bylaw proposed changes to access to the Trail network to be 24 hours and new protection around the Cities trees.
- c. The dirt that is being dug up from the Aquatics Centre is being used at the Bike Skills Park, which is really effective because the dirt has to sit for two years before it can be used for the Bike Skills Park which will be in time for Phase 2 of the Bike Skills Park design, if Council approves the second phase.
- d. The Parks Department received a federal grant that will aim to plant 600+ trees this year.

5.0 City of Fort Saskatchewan Council Update

- a. The Council Strategic Plan has been completed by Mayor and Council and will be released to the public in the next few weeks. This is the plan that directs the work Mayor and Council do over the next 3 years.

6.0 Youth Advisory Committee Update

- a. Youthfest and the Chalk Art Contest are being planned for the Legacy Park Family Festival, June 6th.
- b. Deadwood, October 16th and 17th.

7.0 Upcoming Activities, Workshops and Conference

- a. Regional Youth Conference; the Regional Youth Conference is being planned for November 10, 2026, in Spruce Grove, the theme is The Leadership Link: Our Voices, Our Impact.
- b. Youth Council 2025-2027 Strategic Plan, excellent job on presenting Leandra Kapseu and Sorrow Donkin.
- c. Young Adult Event, Show and Share, May 14th, 6pm – 7:30pm, have 5 registered. Screams on the Screen, September 25th, 8:00pm Doors Open, 9:00pm movie starts, have gotten approval to move forward with *Final Destination*.
- d. Food Bank School Challenge. On Hold.
- e. Cram A Thon, May 22nd 6-9pm, Lebron Macahia, Samantha Sadili, and Leandra Kapseu will help with the event set-up, and take down.
- f. Earth Day Event, Compost Giveaway, April 29th, 9am – 5pm at the Transfer Station, thank you for your help Leandra Kapseu, Carla Salgado, Mya White and Ava Bedick.

- g. Youth Awards; host two award events, one in December and one in April, nominations will be taken online, the Council will need to determine the winners and each winner receives a certificate.
- h. Beach, Bump Set 2026 is booked for July 23rd, 1:00 – 4:00pm at the RCMP Rink.

8.0 Social Media Ideas

- a. Social media plans have been shared with Youth Council, completed two videos for socials.
- b. For the month of June will work on the Top 5 Photo Spots and the Top 5 Spots to visit in Fort Saskatchewan.
- c. Youth Council members will also be asked to share a photo and answer some prompts for another social media post.

9.0 Fort Record Monthly Submission

- a. May - Ava Bendick
- b. June – Lebron Macahia

10.0 Guest Speakers

- a. June – ARROW Utilities Tour
- b. September – Taylor Berry-Boparai and Meredith Shewchuk, Fort Heritage Precinct

11.0 Roundtable

- a. Vishwa Barot reminded everyone that Dhun has its first event on May 15th at the Fort Sask Library in the Space from 4:45pm – 5:45pm, Chai and Connect..
- b. Samantha Sidili shared that she recently went on a Leadership weekend with St Andre Bessette.

12.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is set for June 3, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. at ARROW Utilities.

13.0 Adjournment

MOVED BY Vishwa Barot to adjourn the meeting at 7:21 p.m. Seconded by Samantha Sidili.

CARRIED.