



**YOUTH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
February 4, 2026
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Virtual**

In Attendance:

Kristi Wahl, City Liaison
Councillor Patrick Noyen
Carla Salgado
Ava Bendick
Dara Olagunju
Leandra Kapseu
Lebron Macahia
Sorrow Donkin
Vishwa Barot

Absent:

Mya White

1.0 Welcome, Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement

Ava Bendick calls the February 4, 2026 Youth Council meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2.0 Approve Agenda

MOVED BY Carla Salgado to approve the agenda for the February 4, 2026 Youth Council meeting agenda. Seconded by Councillor Patrick Noyen.

CARRIED.

3.0 Approve Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY Dara Olagunju to approve the meeting minutes for the January 7, 2026 Youth Council meeting minutes. Seconded by Lebron Macahia.

CARRIED.

4.0 Debra Colorosa, Executive Director, BGC Fort Saskatchewan

- a. BGC offers before school and after school care, kindergarten, summer programming, youth drop in night for grade 7 and up, youth employment and summer youth employment.
- b. BGC also offers a Youth and Family Support Program that offers parenting support and info series and conflict resolution opportunities between caregivers and children.
- c. Upcoming Pink Shirt Day event on February 25th that takes place at our local CO-OP grocery store.

5.0 Chair and Vice-Chair Election

- a. Nominations for Chair are Leandra Kapseu and Ava Bendick, both accepted. Leandra Kapseu accepts Chair position.
- b. Nominations for Vice-Chair are Vishwa Barot and Sorrow Donkin, both accepted. Sorrow Donkin accepts Vice-Chair position.

6.0 City of Fort Saskatchewan Council Update

- a. Council approved a rezoning for a mixed-use building in Southfort, by the Tim Hortons across from Heartland Ford, it will be a 5 story apartment complex.
- b. Next Council meeting will have a presentation from the Golf and Curling Club with concerns over a watering hole. The City owns the land the golf course is located on.
- c. Councillor Noyen has been part of a Rogers podcast called Crossboarders on his story and entrance into becoming an elected official, he will share with Youth Council when it is released.
- d. Councillor Noyen plans on bringing a motion forward to look at Urban Chickens in Fort Saskatchewan and a look into access between Greendfield Way and Allard Way and if it is creating a shortcut for residents and an increase in road usage that negatively affects those that live on Greenfield Way.
- e. The design for the aquatic's facility is close to being approved.

7.0 Youth Advisory Committee Update

- a. YAC provided 10 Caregivers with gift bags that had soup in a jar, bath bombs, candles, socks and a card thanking them for the important and sometimes thankless job they do.
- b. A couple YAC members are helping with childcare at a program on Wednesday evening at Families First.

8.0 Upcoming Activities, Workshops and Conference

- a. Regional Youth Conference; Ava Bendick, Mya White, and Sorrow Donkin; moving forward with a budget, date and potential location.
- b. Strategic Plan, Mission/Vision statements Dara Olagunju; on the Council of the Whole meeting for April 21st.
- c. Young Adult Event, Show and Share, Carla Salgado, and Leandra Kapseu; will be hosting the event on February 19th at the Public Library, currently 7 registered.
- d. Food Bank School Challenge. On Hold.
- e. Snow Angels Program, Mya White; thank you to Mya for helping with the shoveling of snow.
- f. Cram A Thon, Friday, January 16th, had about 40 youth attend.

9.0 Social Media Ideas

- a. Vishwa Barot and Dara Olagunju will meet and come up with a few ideas to present back to Youth Council to help increase our presence in the community and on social media.

10.0 Fort Record Monthly Submission

- a. February – Dara Olagunju
- b. March – Vishwa Barot
- c. April – Dara Olagunju

11.0 Guest Speakers

- a. March – Sophie Angoh, Supervisor, Waste Management
- b. April –
- c. May –
- d. June – ARROW Utilities Tour

12.0 Roundtable

- a. The Fort Black Society is hosting a month of events and the proclamation is Monday, February 9 at 11am.
- b. Holiday celebration was not booked this year so Kristi will look into when Colby is available and book accordingly.

13.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is set for March 4, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lang Room.

14.0 Adjournment

MOVED BY Councillor Patrick Noyen to adjourn the meeting at 7:24 p.m. Seconded by Sorrow Donkin.

CARRIED.