



YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

May 7, 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
Sarah Parker

Absent:

Mya White
Scarlet Ellis

1.0 Welcome, Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement

Dara Olagunju **MOTIONS** to call the May 7, 2025 Youth Council meeting to order at 6:06 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, Saukteaux, 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

Carla Salgado makes an amendment to the May 7, 2025 agenda, to remove 10. A. from the agenda.

MOVED BY Dara Olagunju to approve the amended agenda for the May 7, 2025 Youth Council meeting agenda. Seconded by Sarah Parker.

CARRIED.

3.0 Approve Meeting Minutes

- a. **MOVED by** Carla Salgado to approve the April 2, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Sorrow Donkin.

CARRIED.

4.0 Legislature Services, Andrew Kaiser

- a. Bylaw C29 – 22 Presentation to Youth Council.
- b. Municipal Government Act, Freedom of Information and Privacy Act and City Bylaw all rule Mayor and Council meetings.
- c. Discussed the new legislation the provincial Government is considering and the potential implications it will have.

5.0 City of Fort Saskatchewan Council Update

- a. RCMP Policing Priorities 2025 are Police Presence, Property Crime and Traffic Safety.
- b. The Dow Canada project is being paused at the moment due to economic uncertainty but that Dow is still committed to completing the project.
- c. A motion was passed to honor Veterans during the month of November by putting up local veterans information on the poles.
- d. A waste project is moving forward from May to August in which green bins will be checked over and education on acceptable green bin items will occur.
- e. In August Mayor and Council will be presented with design options for the new aquatics facility.

6.0 Youth Advisory Committee Update

- a. Deadwood 2025 is hosting a volunteer search on May 27th.
- b. YouthFest 2025, June 7th, Art Walk and Chalk Art Contest.

7.0 Upcoming Activities, Workshops and Conference

- a. Volleyball Tournament, Sarah Parker, Scarlet Ellis, and Leandra Kapseu, July 24th.
 - I. Event will be called Bump, Set, Beach 2.0.
 - II. 1:00pm – 4:00pm.
 - III. Will look at getting a BBQ and to see if RCMP and/or Fire would help us cook and serve.
- b. Youth Conference, Sorrow Donkin and Leandra Kapseu.

- I. Presented the wrap up meeting results to the group, overall feedback was positive, the attendees did want more of an opportunity to interact with each other.
 - II. Felt the morning start of having Phyllis story tell and sing set a strong tone for the day.
- c. Cram-a-Thon, May 30th ; Ava Bendick, Sorrow Donkin, Carla Salgado.
 - I. Panago has agreed to provide 10 large pizzas.
 - II. Have an assisted therapy dog that will attend for an hour
 - III. One suggestion is to create Tutor badges for the tutors to help identify them.
- d. Strategic Plan, Mission/Vision statements Dara Olagunju and Ava Bendick.
 - I. On hold, Kristi needs to review and prep.
- e. Heritage Trails Park Statue Naming, Colby Mask, Carla Salgado and Sarah Parker.
 - I. The naming contest came to an end and the group came up with a top 2-3 for each animal, these will be presented to City Leadership for final decision.
- f. Young Adult Event @ the Bridge, May 9th, Carla Salgado and Claire Batalla.
 - I. Still need volunteers to help out the night of and for Council members to share on their socials.

8.0 Green Bin Project

- I. Interested individuals are Carla Salgado, Leandra Kapseu, Sarah Parker, Sorrow Donkin, Claire Batalla.

9.0 Fort Record Monthly Submission

- a. May – Claire Batalla
- b. June – Scarlet Ellis

10.0 Guest Speakers

- a. June: Maryann Woodman, River Valley Alliance

11.0 Summer Meetings

Dara Olagunju **MOTIONS** for Youth Council to break monthly meetings for the summer month and reconvene in September. Carla Salgado Seconded.

CARRIED.

12.0 Roundtable

- a. Ava's last high school play, Phantom of the Opera is playing on May 8th, everyone is invited.

13.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is set for June 4, 2025 at 6:00p.m. in the Lang Room.

14.0 Adjournment

MOVED BY Dara Olagunju to adjourn the meeting at 8:10 p.m. Seconded by Lebron Macahia.

CARRIED.