



YOUTH COUNCIL MINUTES

**March 5, 2025, 6:00pm – 8:00pm
Lang Rm, City Hall**

In Attendance:

Kristi Wahl, City Liaison
Carla Salgado
Colby Mask
Sarah Parker
Ava Bendick
Sorrow Donkin
Lebron Macahia
Dara Olagunju

Absent:

Leandra Kapseu
Scarlet Ellis
Claire Batalla
Councillor Ajibola Abitoye
Mya White

1.0 Welcome, Land Acknowledgement

Lebron Macahia 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 Fort Saskatchewan Transit, Lindsey Radford, Supervisor

- a. Lindsey provided a Transit update to Youth Council.
- b. A one hour increase of service for the commuter bus will be seen this spring.
- c. Fort Saskatchewan Transit has now officially transitioned to the ARC program.
- d. Here is the Fort Sask 2024 Transit Review and Action Plan:
<https://www.foortsask.ca/en/your-city-hall/resources/Documents/Report-Plans-Studies/Transit-Review-and-Action-Plan-2024.pdf>

3.0 Call to Order

Carla Salgado **MOTIONS** to call the March 5, 2025 Youth Council meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. Seconded by Dara Olagunju.

CARRIED.

4.0 Approve Agenda

MOVED BY Sorrow Donkin to approve the agenda for the March 5, 2025 Youth Council meeting agenda. Seconded by Lebron Macahia.

CARRIED.

5.0 Approve Meeting Minutes

- a. **MOVED BY** Ava Bendick to approve the February 5, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Carla Salgado.

CARRIED.

6.0 City of Fort Saskatchewan Council Update

- a. Regrets by Councillor Abitoye.

7.0 Youth Advisory Committee Update

- a. Rivercrest Volunteering; March 25th @ 10:45a.m. CARNIVAL and March 26th @ 2:15p.m. BINGO.
- b. Deadwood 2025.
- c. YouthFest 2025, June 7th, Art Walk and Chalk Art Contest.

8.0 Upcoming Activities, Workshops and Conference

- a. Volleyball Tournament, Sarah Parker and Scarlet Ellis; due to it being a huge success both Sarah Parker and Scarlet Ellis will take the lead on Beach, Bump Set 2 this summer.
- b. Youth Conference, April 12th, Sorrow Donkin and Leandra Kapseu, the council approved the agenda and advertisement, Kristi Wahl will share with Regional Partners.
- c. Cram-a-Thon, May 30th ; Carla Salgado Ava Bendick and Sorrow Donkin will take the lead.
- d. Strategic Plan, Mission/Vision statements Dara Olagunju, Ava Bendick, and Lebron Macahia.
- e. Fort Centre Park Statue Naming, Colby Mask, Carla Salgado and Sarah Parker; Communications created a poster for advertisement, Kristi Wahl will make the suggestion that a QR code needs to be added and then it is good to move forward.

- f. Young Adult Event @ the Bridge, Carla Salgado and Claire Batalla; shared the idea of a Scavenger Hunt for the Week of Mental Health Week in May, The Bridge is interested in collaborating and financially supporting the event.

9.0 Food Bank Challenge 2025

- a. Food Bank Challenge Results:
St Andre Bessett School: 145 lbs
Fort Saskatchewan High School: 400 lbs
Our Lady of the Angels School: 303.5 lbs
Win Ferguson Community School: 839.7 lbs
Rudolph Hennig School: 124.8 lbs
For a TOTAL: **1813 lbs**

10.0 Fort Record Monthly Submission

- a. March – Sorrow Donkin
- b. April – Carla Salgado
- c. May – Claire Batalla
- d. June – Scarlet Ellis

11.0 Guest Speakers

- a. April: Gloria Brathwaite, Fort Black Society
- b. May: Andrew Kaiser, Director, Legislature Services
- c. June: Maryann Woodman, River Valley Alliance

12.0 Roundtable

- a. Tax Clinic running for youth ages 16 – 24 years of age Monday, March 10th and Tuesday, March 11th 5:00pm – 7:00pm

13.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting was set for April 2, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lang Room.

14.0 Adjournment

MOVED BY Sarah Parker to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Seconded by Sorrow Donkin.

CARRIED.