



YOUTH COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

**June 4, 2025
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Lang Rm, City Hall**

In Attendance:

Kristi Wahl, City Liaison
Carla Salgado
Colby Mask
Ava Bendick
Sorrow Donkin
Leandra Kapseu
Dara Olagunju
Claire Batalla
Councillor Ajibola Abitoye
Mya White

Absent:

Sarah Parker
Lebron Macahia

1.0 Welcome, Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement

Sorrow Donkin **MOTIONS** to call the June 4, 2025 Youth Council meeting to order at 6:04 p.m.
Mya White Seconded.

CARRIED.

Kristi Wahl 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 Carla Salgado to approve the agenda for the June 4, 2025 Youth Council meeting agenda. Seconded by Sorrow Donkin.

CARRIED.

3.0 Approve Meeting Minutes

- a. **MOVED by** Carla Salgado to approve the May 7, 2025 Meeting Minutes. Seconded by Ava Bendick.

CARRIED.

4.0 River Valley Alliance, Maryann Woodman and Emma Ausford

- a. The group is a not for profit charitable organization since 2003. There are 6 Municipalities and almost 100 km of trail with 3 pedestrian bridges.
- b. The RVA want to plan a community Geocache event for the fall at West Rivers Edge and were asking if Youth Council would be interested in collaborating. The tentative date of the event will be September 13th or 14th.

5.0 City of Fort Saskatchewan Council Update

- a. Personal E-Scooters have been banned on public roadways, sidewalks and trail systems in Fort Saskatchewan, this is a Provincial Law that the City had to change the local bylaw to follow.
- b. Water tower is coming to the end of its lifecycle and the same picture will be updated and re-painted. Currently discussing the potential of adding lighting to the water tower, Mayor and Council were presented three different options with different prices attached.

6.0 Youth Advisory Committee Update

- a. Deadwood 2025, just held the first Deadwood Volunteer meeting.
- b. YouthFest 2025, June 7th, Art Walk, Chalk Art Contest and Community Art Project.

7.0 Upcoming Activities, Workshops and Conference

- a. Volleyball Tournament, Sarah Parker and Leandra Kapseu, July 24th, the group is looking for a couple more members to help plan the event.
- b. Regional Youth Conference, Kristi will be meeting with other Regional Communities to discuss the potential of planning a Youth Conference with other youth representatives from other communities.
- c. Cram-a-Thon, May 30th ; Ava Bendick, Sorrow Donkin, and Carla Salgado, had 59 people attend the event, the name tags were a benefit and closing the game room helped make the space a study space.
- d. Strategic Plan, Mission/Vision statements Dara Olagunju. Need to present to Mayor and Council.
- e. Heritage Trails Park Statue Naming, Colby Mask, Carla Salgado and Sarah Parker, will take place on June 20th at 1pm.

- f. Young Adult Event @ the Bridge, Carla Salgado and Claire Batalla, felt the event was well prepared and set up but that there was a miscommunication on the age of youth the event was aimed for. Would like to try a Scavenger Hunt again but just Youth Council.

8.0 Witness Blanket

- a. An art installation that invites participants to bear witness to the experiences and the aftermath of Canada's residential schools.
- b. Currently open to the public at the Fort Heritage Precinct June 7th, 14th, and 21st. Kristi will send out a survey to see if any of the dates work for the group to go together.

9.0 Fort Record Monthly Submission

- a. June – Sarah Parker
- b. September – Dara Olagunju
- c. October – Lebron Macahia
- d. November – Ava Bendick

10.0 Guest Speakers

- a. Potential ideas are Parks, Art Society, Phyllis Sinclair

11.0 Roundtable

- a. Ava Bendick received a Scholarship.
- b. Dara Olagunju is participating in the YouthFest Art Walk.

12.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is set for September 3, 2025 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lang Room.

13.0 Adjournment

MOVED BY Ava Bendick to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Seconded by Mya White.

CARRIED.