



**YOUTH COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
March 4, 2026
6:00pm – 8:00pm
Lang Rm, City Hall**

In Attendance:

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

Absent:

Mya White
Councillor Patrick Noyen

1.0 Welcome, Call to Order, Land Acknowledgement

Carla Salgado **MOTIONS** to call the March 4, 2026 Youth Council meeting to order at 6:07 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 Ava Bendick to approve the agenda for the March 4, 2026 Youth Council meeting agenda. Seconded by Vishwa Barot.

CARRIED.

3.0 Approve Meeting Minutes

MOVED BY Ava Bendick to approve the Meeting Minutes for the February 4, 2026 Youth Council meeting agenda. Seconded by Carla Salgado.

CARRIED.

4.0 Sophie Angoh, Supervisor, Waste Programs

- a. Fort Saskatchewan has a provider called Integrity that picks up our organics bins and takes them to the compost facility called Roseridge. There was an increase of contamination of items being taken to Roseridge that was being charged back to Integrity, to stop the increase of cost the City of Fort Saskatchewan chose to start an education campaign to get behaviors to change around the green bins.
- b. Strathcona and St Albert both used this approach and had success.
- c. 78 % were given gold sheep and only 22% were found to be contaminated and only 9% of those where fined.
- d. New initiative that Waste Programs will be undertaking is the Prairie Robotics program where each cart is photographed and any contamination is caught right away and then marked, a letter is then sent with the contamination explanation to help continue the education of residents.
- e. Earth Day, April 22nd event coming up where compost will be available to the community for one day.

5.0 City of Fort Saskatchewan Council Update

- a. No Council update provided.

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 meetings will be starting again.

7.0 Upcoming Activities, Workshops and Conference

- a. Regional Youth Conference; Ava Bendick, Mya White, and Sorrow Donkin, have a meeting on Monday, currently deciding on a location to host the Conference, each community that is engaged has put forth financial support and an outline of the days events has been created.
- b. Youth Council 2025-2027 Strategic Plan presentation to Mayor and Council is scheduled for April 21.
- c. Young Adult Event, Show and Share, it went really well with 8 registered participants and 5 that attended and presented. The group would like to move forward with running this event again and a Scary Movie at the Fort Museum for young adults.
- d. Food Bank School Challenge. On Hold.

- e. Snow Angels Program, Mya White.
- f. Cram A Thon, May 22nd 6-9pm.

8.0 Land Use Bylaw Engagement

- a. The City of Fort Saskatchewan is creating a new Land Use Bylaw (LUB); the LUB provides rules and regulations governing how a site can be developed, what can be built, and what activities may occur on a site.
- b. Open houses sessions are upcoming and available:

Open House Session	Date	Time	Location
1	March 16, 2026	1:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Normandy Room, Fort Saskatchewan Community Hall (9964 93 Ave)
2	March 18, 2026	11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Lion's Mane, Dow Centennial Centre (8700 84 St)
3	March 20, 2026	1:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Normandy Room, Fort Saskatchewan Community Hall (9964 93 Ave)
4	March 23, 2026	1:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Normandy Room, Fort Saskatchewan Community Hall (9964 93 Ave)
5	March 25, 2026	11:00 am – 5:00 pm	Lion's Mane, Dow Centennial Centre (8700 84 St)
6	March 30, 2026	2:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Normandy Room, Fort Saskatchewan Community Hall (9964 93 Ave)
7	April 1, 2026	2:00 pm – 8:00 pm	Lion's Mane, Dow Centennial Centre (8700 84 St)

- c. Kristi will create a poll to find the date that works the best for everyone to attend.

9.0 Social Media Ideas

- a. Dara Olagunju and Vishwa Barot; introduction of members, youth member increase aims.

10.0 Fort Record Monthly Submission

- a. March – Vishwa Barot
- b. April – Dara Olagunju
- c. May - Ava Bendick

11.0 Guest Speakers

- a. May – Jenelle Hart and Kyle Waite, Urban Forrest
- b. June – ARROW Utilities Tour

12.0 Roundtable

- a. Holiday gathering is set for Friday, March 6th.

13.0 Next Meeting

The next meeting is set for April 1, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Lang Room.

14.0 Adjournment

MOVED BY Carla Salgado to adjourn the meeting at 7:52 p.m. Seconded by Vishwa Barot.

CARRIED.