

ATTACHMENT 1

MINUTES of a meeting of the **HEART OF OUR CITY COMMITTEE**, held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 3:30 p.m., Zoom Conference Call with the following in attendance:

MEMBERS:

Lorien Johansen, Lethbridge Historical Society (Chair)
Tara Gillanders, Allied Arts Council
Penny Warris, Citizen-at-large
Jordon Head, Indigenous Representative
Dominika Wojcik Lethbridge Chamber of Commerce
Mike Prociw, Economic Development Lethbridge
Daylyn Smolenski, Citizen-at-large
Jackie French, Southern AB Ethnic Association
Ken Harvie, Development Industry
Kevin Brees, Citizen-at-large

OTHERS:

Andrew Malcolm, Urban Revitalization Manager
Sarah Amies, Downtown BRZ Community Director
Sgt. Mike Williamson, Lethbridge Police Service
Kelti Baird, HOC Member Pending Council Approval

REGRETS:

Unfilled Position, Tourism Lethbridge
Sheri Kain, Downtown BRZ

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order at 3:35 p.m.

1. ACKNOWLEDGE STATEMENT:

“The City of Lethbridge acknowledges that we are gathered on the lands of the Blackfoot people of the Canadian Plains and pays respect to the Blackfoot people, past, present and future while recognizing and respecting their cultural heritage, beliefs and relationship to the land. The City of Lethbridge is also home to the Metis Nation of Alberta, Region III.”

2. CONSENT AGENDA:

- a) Approval of Minutes
 - February 9, 2022 (Attachment 1)
- b) Adoption of Agenda
 - As presented

P. Warris moved, L. Johansen seconded that the consent agenda of the March 9th, 2022 Heart of Our City Committee meeting be approved as amended.

CARRIED

3. IN CAMERA:

- a) N/A

4. AGENDA ITEMS:

- a) Neuron Micro-mobility – Guest Presentation (3:45pm)

- Isaac Ransom, Head of Government and Stakeholder Relations with Neuron Mobility Canada joined the meeting with some of his team to discuss the pending role out of e-scooters and e-bikes in Lethbridge.
 - Shared about the program and their company, working with community partners, stats from other communities including positive economic impact for city centres and business districts, safety, the scooters and bikes, and sustainability – presentation attached.
- b) Lethbridge Police Service Update
- Library activity continues to increase and is an area of concern for LPS
 - Encampments are picking up particularly around the shelter – question regarding encampments in terms of where these individuals are coming from – local or outside city? Response that they are seeing increasing numbers from Calgary and Edmonton areas.
 - Some questions around non-police related services. Recommendation to have the City's Community Social Development (CSD) department come and present on the Community Wellbeing and Safety Strategy (CWSS).
- c) Action Item Review
- Re-Imagine grant intake 3 will be launched shortly and in that launch we will share the successful intake 2 initiatives.
 - BRZ Celebrate Downtown final report will be circulated with next HOC Agenda
 - Communities in Bloom is no longer supported by the City of Lethbridge operating budget. In its prime, CIB was a combination of city personnel and community volunteers. For various reasons, the former Parks Manager, disbanded the group around 10 years ago. There have been a few attempts to resurrect it from the community side but to no avail.
- d) 3rd Avenue and Festival Square Grant Opening Event (Attachment 2)
- A.Malcolm provided a brief overview of the initial work done by an informal working group and brought forward the following motion for consideration.
 - **MOTION:** That the Heart of Our City Committee wants to lead the development of a 3rd Avenue and Festival Square Grand Opening Event and appoints J. French, L. Johansen, D. Smolenski, and P. Warris as HOC members on the working group. Further, that the committee would like to support the event with \$15,000 in base funding and up to \$25,000 in matching funds towards the initiative. **Moved by K. Baird and Seconded by J. French – Approved unanimously**
 - Request for clarity on Allied Arts Council's previous proposal for the Rail Art Exhibition
- e) Future Meetings – in person vs online
- Desire from the committee to move fully in person moving forward.
 - A.Malcolm will find a location to book and look to get that setup for April's regular meeting.
- f) Andrew's Corner
- Warehouse Area Redevelopment Project will be starting shortly as the City plans to go out to tender for consultants. Desire to engage with the HOC to aid in developing the scope. A separate meeting will be set up for that discussion.
 - HOC Governance Roadmapping work is still with consultant Gay Pooler and expect her initial report shortly to be shared along with an initial action plan.
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- a) Member Reports
- Bowman Building – Allied Arts Council and Lethbridge Historic Society both raised concerns around Council's direction to administration to prepare a process to divest of the Bowman for their consideration. A.Malcolm provided background and confirmed there has not been direction provided to sell at this point in time, Council simply wants to understand what the process would entail.

ACTION:	A. MALCOLM: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Touch base with Community Social Development (CSD) department to see about presenting on the Community Wellbeing and Safety Strategy (CWSS).• Circulate BRZ Celebrate Downtown Report with next Agenda• Share the AAC's Rail Art Exhibition Project with Committee LETHBRIDGE POLICE SERVICE: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Look into whether LPS could provide quarterly statistic reports to the Committee
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5. NEXT MEETING:

The next regular meeting will be held Wednesday, April 13th, 2022

6. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 5:00 p.m.

7. FUTURE MEETINGS:

- a) HOC Community Engagement
- b) Celebrate Downtown