



Urban Planning Committee - Minutes

May 13, 2025

9:30 a.m.

Council Chamber, 2nd floor, City Hall

Present: M. Janz, J. Wright, A. Knack, J. Rice, A. Sohi

1. Call to Order and Related Business

1.1 Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Councillor M. Janz called the meeting to order at 9:32 a.m., Tuesday, May 13, 2025, and acknowledged that Urban Planning Committee meets on the traditional land of Treaty 6 Territory and the Métis homeland. The Chair also acknowledged the diverse Indigenous peoples whose ancestors' footsteps have marked this territory for centuries such as: Cree, Dene, Saulteaux, Blackfoot, Nakota Isga, as well as Métis and Inuit, and now settlers from around the world.

1.2 Roll Call

Councillor M. Janz conducted roll call and confirmed the attendance of Members of Urban Planning Committee.

Mayor A. Sohi is a Committee Member pursuant to section 15(3), Council Committees Bylaw 18156.

Councillors T. Cartmell, A. Paquette, K. Principe, A. Stevenson and K. Tang; and E. Norton, M. Moussa and J. Taves, Office of the City Clerk, were also in attendance.

1.3 Adoption of Agenda

Moved by: J. Wright

That the May 13, 2025, Urban Planning Committee meeting agenda be adopted.

In Favour (5): M. Janz, J. Wright, A. Knack, J. Rice, and A. Sohi

Carried (5 to 0)

1.4 Approval of Minutes

Moved by: A. Knack

That the minutes from the following meetings be approved:

- April 1, 2025, Urban Planning Committee
- April 15, 2025, Urban Planning Committee - Non-Regular

In Favour (5): M. Janz, J. Wright, A. Knack, J. Rice, and A. Sohi

Carried (5 to 0)

1.5 Protocol Items

1.5.1 Asian Heritage Month (J. Rice)

Councillor J. Rice, on behalf of Urban Planning Committee, recognized May as Asian Heritage Month. This year also marks the 40th Anniversary of Sister Cities relationship with Harbin, China, and the City of Edmonton's continued support through the Chinatown Vibrancy Fund.

1.5.2 Keheewin Elementary School (M. Janz)

Councillor M. Janz, on behalf of Urban Planning Committee, welcomed the Grades 5 and 6 classes from Keheewin Elementary School in Ward Ipiihkookhanipiaohsi and their teachers, E. Moubarak and M. Yakubow.

1.5.3 LaPerle School (M. Janz)

Councillor M. Janz, on behalf of Urban Planning Committee, welcomed the Grade 6 classes from LaPerle School in Ward Nakota Isga and their teachers, T. Freund and S. Presko.

2. Items for Discussion and Related Business

2.1 Select Items for Debate

The following items were selected for debate: 7.1, 7.2 and 7.3.

2.2 Vote on Reports not Selected for Debate

All items were selected for debate.

2.3 Requests to Speak

Moved by: A. Sohi

That Urban Planning Committee hear from the following speakers, in panels when appropriate:

- 7.1 Downtown Action Plan
- 7.2 Bylaw 21122 - Entertainment District
 1. E. Estrada, Alberta Avenue Business Association
 2. J. Syvixay, BILD Edmonton Metro
 3. B. Murray, BILD Edmonton Metro
 4. P. Pange-Ibinimion
 5. P. McBryan, Edmonton Downtown Business Association
 6. C. Martin, Edmonton Chamber of Commerce
 7. E. Tam, City of Edmonton Youth Council
 8. T. Phan, City of Edmonton Youth Council
 9. C. Watson, Downtown Revitalization Coalition
 10. R. Holstein, NAIOP Edmonton
 11. A. Pye
 12. R. Hanf, City of Edmonton Youth Council
- 7.3 Bylaw 21110 - Access Closures to Support 2025 Roadway Construction
 1. D. Eaton, JRE Holdings Ltd.

In Favour (5): M. Janz, J. Wright, A. Knack, J. Rice, and A. Sohi

Carried (5 to 0)

2.4 Requests for Specific Time on Agenda

There were no requests for items to be dealt with at a specific time on the agenda.

3. Councillor Inquiries

There were no Councillor Inquiries.

4. Reports to be Dealt with at a Different Meeting

There were no Reports to be Dealt with at a Different Meeting.

5. Requests to Reschedule Reports

There were no Requests to Reschedule Reports.

6. Unfinished Business

There was no Unfinished Business on the agenda.

7. Public Reports

7.1 Downtown Action Plan

Items 7.1 and 7.2 were dealt with together.

The following members of Administration's delegation made a presentation:

- K. Petrin, Deputy City Manager, Urban Planning and Economy
- A. Laliberte, Urban Planning and Economy
- T. Girvan, Urban Planning and Economy

The following public speakers made presentations:

- B. Murray, BILD Edmonton Metro
- C. Watson, Downtown Revitalization Coalition
- R. Holstein, NAIOP Edmonton
- R. Hanf, City of Edmonton Youth Council
- P. Pange-Ibinimion

The following public speakers made presentations and answered questions:

- E. Tam, City of Edmonton Youth Council

- P. McBryan, Edmonton Downtown Business Association
- T. Phan, City of Edmonton Youth Council
- E. Estrada, Alberta Avenue Business Association
- J. Syvixay, BILD Edmonton Metro
- A. Pye
- C. Martin, Edmonton Chamber of Commerce

The following members of Administration’s delegation answered questions:

- K. Petrin, Deputy City Manager, Urban Planning and Economy
- A. Laliberte, Urban Planning and Economy
- T. Girvan, Urban Planning and Economy
- C. Walbaum, Acting Deputy City Manager, Integrated Infrastructure Services

Moved by: A. Knack

That Urban Planning Committee recommend to City Council:

That the Downtown Action Plan, as outlined in the May 13, 2025, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE02813, be amended by deleting actions 3.1 and 7.1, and be approved.

Not put to vote

Moved by: A. Sohi

That “be amended by deleting actions 3.1 and 7.1, and” be deleted.

Not put to vote

Councillors J. Wright and J. Rice requested the May 13, 2025, Urban Planning and Economy report UPE02813 be requisitioned to City Council without a Committee Recommendation.

7.2 Bylaw 21122 - Entertainment District

Items 7.1 and 7.2 were dealt with together (see item 7.1).

Moved by: J. Wright

That Urban Planning Committee recommend to City Council:

That Bylaw 21122 be given the appropriate readings.

In Favour (5): M. Janz, J. Wright, A. Knack, J. Rice, and A. Sohi

Carried (5 to 0)

7.3 Bylaw 21110 - Access Closures to Support 2025 Roadway Construction

The following member of Administration's delegation made a presentation:

- N. Wolfe, Integrated Infrastructure Services

The following public speaker made a presentation and answered questions:

- D. Eaton, JRE Holdings Ltd.

The following members of Administration's delegation answered questions:

- N. Wolfe, Integrated Infrastructure Services
- J. Rutledge, Integrated Infrastructure Services

Moved by: A. Knack

That Urban Planning Committee recommend to City Council:

That Bylaw 21110 be given the appropriate readings.

In Favour (4): M. Janz, J. Wright, A. Knack, and J. Rice

Carried (4 to 0)

8. Responses to Councillor Inquiries

There were no Responses to Councillor Inquiries on the agenda

9. Private Reports

There were no Private Reports on the agenda.

10. Motions Pending

There were no Motions Pending on the agenda.

11. Notices of Motion and Motions without Customary Notice

Councillor M. Janz asked whether there were any Notices of Motion. There were none.

12. Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 2:54 p.m., Tuesday, May 13, 2025.

Chair

City Clerk