

Minutes of a Meeting of the Arts Development Advisory Committee held in the Douglas Cardinal Boardroom and virtually via Zoom, on the above date at 6:00 p.m.

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**Present**

Councillor Korotash – *joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m.*

Councillor Biermanski – *via Zoom*

E. Baker

T. Burch - Chair

M. Dysinger

C. Fleck

R. Hall

R. Hunka

K. Korotash – Vice Chair

**Guests**

Bonnie Van Essen, City of St. Albert Health and Safety Advisor NCSO

**Staff**

J. Blackwood, Staff Liaison & Visual Arts Coordinator, Community Services

A. Bowes, Public Art Associate & Registrar, Community Services

K. Bell, Community Cultural Coordinator, Community Services

R. McDonald, Legislative Officer, Legislative Services – *via Zoom*

**Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m. and welcomed the Committee members and staff in attendance.

**Adoption of Agenda**

The Chair declared the February 25, 2026 agenda adopted as amended with the addition of item 2025 ADAC Annual Report.

**Advisory Committee Emergency Preparedness**

B. Van Essen, provided an orientation to the committee on Emergency Preparedness and Safety.

Councillor Korotash joined the meeting at 6:07 p.m.

## **Approval of Minutes**

The Chair declared the minutes of January 28, 2026, adopted as presented.

## **Committee Business**

K. Bell provided information to the committee in regard to the upcoming 2026 St. Albert Children's Festival. Registration for returning volunteers will open March 10, 2026, and March 17, 2026 for new volunteers. For more information about volunteering and the 2026 Children's Festival, visit the City of St. Albert webpage <https://stalbert.ca/exp/childfest/get-involved/volunteering/>

K. Bell introduced the new St. Albert LIVE Newsletter. A newsletter that keeps the community up to date by promoting the cultural vibrancy and artistic scene in the City. Includes event listings, grant and award information. For more information or to register for the newsletter, visit the City of St. Albert webpage <https://stalbert.ca/exp/arts-culture/newsletter/>

### Poet Laureate – Request for Jury Member

K. Bell provided information on the St. Albert Poet Laureate Program. Recruitment for a new Poet Laureate shall commence in February and shall serve a 2 year-term as a literary and cultural ambassador. K. Bell requested a volunteer from the Arts Development Advisory Committee to form part of the selection committee. R. Hunka volunteered to represent an ADAC member of the jury.

### Young Artist Legacy Award Program - Request for Jury Member

K. Bell provided a presentation to the committee on the Young Artist Legacy Award Program (YALA) and requested volunteers for Jury Members.

K. Bell gave an update on the jury selection process for the 2026 Young Artist Legacy Award Program. Three Jury members are needed from the Arts Development Advisory Committee to form the sub-committee. T. Burch, M. Dysinger, and C. Fleck volunteered to form the selection committee.

For more information, see <https://stalbert.ca/cosa/admin/grants/young-artists-legacy-award-program/>

## **2025 ADAC Annual Report**

E. Baker provided a summary of the finalized 2025 ADAC Annual Report that was presented to Council at the February 24, 2026, City Council meeting.

**Round Table**

The Arts Development Advisory Committee members and staff provided feedback, discussed items of general interest and gave final comments.

**Next Meeting Date**

Wednesday March 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.  
Douglas Cardinal Boardroom, St. Albert Place

**Adjournment**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:16 p.m.

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CHAIR

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DESIGNATED OFFICER