EDMONTON DESIGN COMMITTEE MINUTES

Location: (Hybrid) Edmonton Tower, 03-340 / Google Meet
Tuesday, January 7, 2025

MEMBERS:	**PRESENT:**
J. Mills, Chair	J. Mills, Chair
N. LaMontagne, Vice-Chair	N. LaMontagne, Vice-Chair
C. Dorward, Vice-Chair	C. Dorward, Vice-Chair
D. Brown	D. Brown
G. Freer	G. Freer
J. Monfries	J. Monfries
K. Dieterman	K. Dieterman
K. Oxley	K. Oxley
M. Tindall	M. Tindall
N. Pryce	N. Pryce
R. Subramanian	R. Subramanian

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE:
Councillor Aaron Paquette, EDC Council Advisor
P. Spearey, Urban Form and Economy, Lead Urban Designer
W. Sims, Urban Planning and Economy, Urban Designer
A. Rowan, Urban Planning and Economy Department, EDC Administration
A. McLellan, Urban Planning and Economy Department, Planner
K. Bacon, Urban Planning and Economy Department, Planner
S. Buccino, Urban Planning and Economy Department, Planner

A.   CALL TO ORDER AND RELATED BUSINESS

A.1.   CALL TO ORDER

J. Mills called the meeting to order at 4:02p.m.

A.2.   ADOPTION OF AGENDA

MOTION: J. Mills

Motion to adopt the January 7, 2025 agenda

SECONDED: N. Pryce

The motion passed unanimously.

A.3.   ADOPTION OF MINUTES

MOTION: J. Mills

Motion to adopt the December 17, 2024 Minutes

SECONDED: D. Brown

A.4   REQUESTS TO SPEAK

None.

B.   PROJECT SYNOPSES (Closed to the Public)

MOTION: J. Mills

That the Edmonton Design Committee meet in private pursuant to Section 24 (advice from officials) of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act for the discussion of item B.1 and C.1.

SECONDED: C. Dorward

The motion passed unanimously.

Edmonton Design Committee met in private at 4:04 p.m.

J. Mills passed the Chair to C. Dorward at 4:16 p.m. and left the meeting due to a conflict with Item C.1.

J. Mills rejoined the meeting at 4:26 p.m.

MOTION: C. Dorward

That the Edmonton Design Committee meet in public.

SECONDED: J. Mills

The motion passed unanimously.

The Edmonton Design Committee met in public at 4:44 p.m.

C.   **APPLICATIONS**

FORMAL PRESENTATIONS (Open to the Public)

C.1   **Station Lands Tower Design Update (DP)**
David James- DIALOG

J. Mills declared a conflict with item C.1 and remained in the meeting, but did not participate.

Motion of Support: D. Brown
Seconded: G. Freer

For the Motion: M. Tindall, K. Oxley, G. Freer, R. Subramanian, N. Pryce, D. Brown, J. Monfries, C. Dorward, K. Dieterman

Against the Motion: N. LaMontagne

                                                                    CARRIED

C. Dorward passed the Chair to J. Mills at 5:31p.m.

C.2   **Norquest Greenspace (DP)**
Mark Singleton- GEC

Motion of Support: G. Freer
Seconded: C. Dorward

The Committee welcomes this proposed development, and in the interest of ensuring a high standard of urban design recommends the Applicant consider identifying a pathway across the adjacent laneway through paint markings or other means.

For the Motion: M. Tindall, K. Oxley, G. Freer, R. Subramanian, N. Pryce, J. Monfries, C. Dorward, K. Dieterman, N. LaMontagne, J. Mills

 Against the Motion: D. Brown

CARRIED

C.3 **Rossdale (RZ)**
Gene Dub- Dub Architecture

Motion of Support: N Pryce
Seconded: N. LaMontagne

The Committee welcomes this unique landmark development to the Rossdale Area. In completing the DC Rezoning process and prior to progressing with design development, it is recommended that the Applicant assess the DC rezoning and appendices to determine if the level of descriptions and illustrations support the type of character and sense of place envisioned for the development. Consideration should be given to:

- How the proposed building development integrates into the surrounding river valley and historical context, especially with respect to how Building C addresses the river edge (e.g. setbacks, stepbacks, terrace heights, etc.);
- How 100 Street and building edge/development regulations (e.g. setbacks) create a potential positive year-round streetscape and pedestrian realm that integrates with the proposed west/east plaza/mews;
- The interface of Buildings A and B with Diamond Park;
- The use of at-grade building and surface materials, portal & column heights, site furnishings, lighting and other features to animate the site and define the at grade character.

In addition, if the development is intended to be a destination the Applicant should consider how visitor parking will be addressed, including on-street or surface parking.

For the Motion: N. Pryce, C. Dorward, K. Dieterman, M. Tindall, N. LaMontagne, D. Brown, J. Monfries, G. Freer, K. Oxley, J. Mills

Against the Motion: R. Subramanian

CARRIED

D. **OTHER BUSINESS**

D.1 **2024-25 Work Plan Update**

- P. Spearey reminded the Committee that the EDC Phase 2 engagement has been extended until January 10, 2025 and that the deadline for this work is April 20, 2025. The Subcommittee will be meeting in January to finalize, and will be presented to the larger Committee in early April. **Info.**

D.2   2025-26 Work Planning

- P. Spearey informed the Committee that the Annual Report and 2024/25 Work Plan are both due on February 7, 2025. **Info.**
- There is a Chair Information session on Thursday January 9, 2025. **Info / Action:** J. Mills will forward the meeting invitation to the Vice-Chairs.
- P. Spearey outlined some potential 2025/26 Work Plan items, which will be considered further by both the Committee and Subcommittee over the coming weeks.
  - Advancing changes to the EDC Scope/boundary based on the feedback from 2024 engagement, and subsequent Bylaw amendment;
  - Training for Committee members to ensure alignment with the guiding principles (i.e. inclusion / GBA+, climate resilience, etc.);
  - Educating industry partners related to new principles, processes; and
  - Potential realignment of annual reporting structure/work plan delivery

E.   UPCOMING APPLICATIONS, CONFLICTS AND REGRETS (Tuesday, January 21, 2024)

Burgundy Building (Formal, DP)	Aleksandra Burzynska- S2 Architecture

Conflicts: None.
Regrets: M. Tindall, N. Pryce

F.   ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 7:44p.m.

G.   NEXT MEETING

Tuesday, January 21, 2024 at 4:00p.m. Hybrid.