

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, APRIL 11, 2023
TELFORD STREET BOARDROOM, CIVIC CENTER
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REGULAR MINUTES Minutes of the LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD Regular Meeting held Tuesday, April 11, 2023 Telford Street Boardroom, Civic Center.

PRESENT: Wendy Yule
Mindy Paradis
Councilor Ryan Pollard
Councilor Lars Hansen
James Turner
Kala Raymond
James Kollmar
Ngairé Nix

WITH REGRETS: Benjamin McDonald
Alena Mazur

ALSO PRESENT: Alysha Laviolette – Recording Secretary
Jenna Chernuka – City Representative
Michael Hancharyk – City Representative

CALL TO ORDER I. CALL TO ORDER

Wendy Yule called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

James Turner volunteered to do the Land Acknowledgement at the May 9th, 2023 meeting.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

• **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

43/2023

MOTION: It was Moved by James Turner to approve the April 11, 2023, Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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44/2023

MOTION: It was Moved by James Kollmar to accept the meeting minutes of March 14, 2023, as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

• **Chair's Report**

- Working on the annual report to Council with help from Jenna and Mindy, to present to Council on May 15th.

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- Attended a volunteer information event April 5 (discussed recruitment and retention of volunteers).
- Citizen of Distinction nomination: had initial discussion with the owner of Jar'd, an eco-friendly business in Leduc – nomination due by Apr 30th.
- Vulcraft – attempting to reach their rep to firm up a joint project.
- Additional info – upcoming events
 - *May 5th, Red Dress Day - honoring MMIWG2S people at the Stone Barn Garden Amphitheatre starting at 6pm. Singer-songwriter, Phyllis Sinclair will be at this event. Her passion and advocacy are evident in her prose, humor, and congeniality. *In the event of inclement weather, the event will be moved to the Maclab Centre. This is a FREE event.*

- **Council's Report**

- Funding for affordable housing has come up recently. Council has met to commit some funds and it looks like it will be going ahead.
- We've added a new electric vehicle to our fleet and the new charging stations at the LRC are up and running.
- The LRC is hiring for a number of positions.
- Community volunteer tax program is ongoing.
- Teen Take Over is coming up.
- The Southfork rink is being repaired ahead of schedule.
- Council awarded the Leduc achievement awards.
- Reduced Speed limits in residential areas is being considered and has passed the first reading.
- Council has received a report from Administration to discuss pop up dog parks in the city. There will be some public engagement this year and if it goes forward the City will look at building the pop up dog parks in 2024.
- Attended a presentation with Leduc Arts Foundry.

- **Administration's Report**

- Citizens of Distinction:

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- Reminder of nomination timeline:
- *Sept 2022: nominations for the 2022 Citizens of Distinction (COD) Award season were opened.*
- *April 30, 2023: deadline for nominations.*
- *April 30, 2023 - May 3, 2023: Nominations to be received, organized, and prepared for review by committee.*
- *May 4, 2023: Committee members will be emailed a link to an external drive to view all nominations along with matrix guide to review and rank nominations.*
- *May 10, 11, or 12, 2020: COD Annual meeting. Committee meets to review nominations as a group, make recommendations, and vote. (please note, this meeting is scheduled around lunch hour)*
- *Last year's nominations will be carried over but more nominations are welcomed and encouraged.*
- Mitch Wincentaylo is a consultant the City has hired to help us meet goals set out in the City's Treaty, Truth, and ReconciliACTION initiative. Mitch previously worked for the Town of Devon and Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board as the Indigenous Engagement Coordinator. He's eager to meet with our City-appointed boards to introduce himself and start a conversation on how the board can support Truth and Reconciliation. Mitch will attend LEAB's May board meeting.
- Home Energy Efficiency Equipment:
 - *Fortis is conducting a one-year energy efficiency pilot and is looking for 20 residential homeowners to participate and share their energy consumption. Participants would receive a free package of energy efficiency equipment (air quality sensors, smart plugs etc.).*
- Presentations to Council.
 - *LEAB needs to present to Council on the following:*
 - *Annual update to Council summarizing last year's progress and key areas of focus for the coming year.*
 - *Hens & Bees pilot program outcome and recommendations.*
 - *Pesticide survey results and recommendations.*
- **Annual Report**

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- In progress.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

MOTION: It was moved by Ngaire to accept the above noted reports for information purposes only.

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Actionable Initiatives

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**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

- **Pollinators and Pesticides**

- Pesticide survey results were presented to Council. It's clear there's an appetite for more education around alternative pest control methods and safe/effective pesticide use within the community. LEAB will be presenting recommendations to Council in their annual update (May 15th).
- Discussed sending an email to Pollinator Garden Challenge participants asking, "how did you hear about the challenge?" to better understand which forms of advertising are most effective.

- **Telford Berms and Buffers**

- No update

- **Light Efficiency Community**

- James K is going to reach out to the Royal Astronomical Society to get a light map of Leduc.
- Book subcommittee meeting prior to May 6th.

- **Environmental Plan**

- RFP is now closed.

Topics to Monitor

- **Watershed and Coal Policy**

- No update.

- **Single Use Plastic**

- No update.

- **Tree Protection – Policy/Bylaw**

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- No update.

- **Green House Gas Plan/CEIP**

- ~18,300 e-scooter rides in the first year of e-scoot pilot.

- **Waste Management – Business (ICI) and Multi-Unit (MU) Waste Diversion**

- No update.

- **Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)**

- No update.

NEW BUSINESS

- Arbor day is June 3rd.

- Volunteer fest is sept 10th. This would be a good opportunity to compare engagement levels at the business expo vs the volunteer fest.

OPEN DISCUSSION

**NEW
BUSINESS**

MOTION: it was moved by James K to proceed with the current social media and Leduc Rep advertisements.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

**OPEN
DISCUSSION**

MOTION: it was moved by Kayla to adjourn the meeting at 7:14p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
ADS**

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NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on May 9, 2023 Telford Street Board Room

ADJOURNMENT

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Chair


Recording Secretary

NEXT MEETING