

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JANUARY 9, 2024  
TELFORD STREET BOARDROOM, CIVIC CENTER  
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**REGULAR MINUTES** Minutes of the LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 9, 2024 Telford Street Boardroom, Civic Center.

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

WITH REGRETS: Michael Hancharyk – City Representative  
Benjamin McDonald  
Shelby Lowe – City Representative

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

**CALL TO ORDER**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mindy Paradis called the meeting to order at 6:20p.m.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

1/2024

**- APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION: It was Moved by Alena to approve the January 10, 2023, Agenda.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

2/2024

**- APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: It was Moved by James T to accept the meeting minutes of December 13, 2022, as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORTS**

- **Chair's Report**
- 2 virtual meetings with Shelby and Jenna to review notes on presentation/annual review to City Council on February 5th.
- I would ask that as many board members as possible attend the presentation to Council.
- Alysha ordered our LEAB t-shirts. Shall we wear our new t-shirts to the Council presentation? Note: we are unable to

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choose our own logo for LEAB due to City guidelines around identification and continuity.

- **Council's Report**
- We've had one meeting.
- **Administration's Report**
- The City's Communications team raised some concerns with LEAB's logo differentiating the board from the City. LEAB is unique in that no other boards currently have their own logo. Because the board is truly an extension of the City it's important that the logo also features the City's logo. Communications has developed an updated logo.
- Wendy will be presenting LEAB's annual update to Council on February 5th. We highly recommend members attend. It's a great opportunity to learn about Council's process and to show support for your Chair and Vice Chair. If people choose to come, Wendy had suggested people might wear their new LEAB shirts to help make the group easy to identify.
- LDRWMC (Landfill): GFL is officially out and will no longer be managing landfill services. E360S (Environmental 360 Solutions) will be taking their place and we're excited to work with them. GFL will continue to do our household curbside pickup.

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

3/2024

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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*Actionable Initiatives*

**Pollinators and Pesticides**

- Administration is putting together pesticide education campaign for spring of this year.

**Telford Berms and Buffers**

- MDP amendments are being presented to Council February 26<sup>th</sup>.
- Change name to Telford Lake Natural Area.

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- Mary Ellen with NSWA will attend LEAB's presentation to Council February 5th to support with questions, and she is open to presenting to Council at a later date if there's interest.

**Light Efficiency Community**

- Mindy to work on updating the letter.

**Environmental Plan**

- Administration will share the draft plan with LEAB once it's available (expected sometime late January). LEAB will be able to review chosen action items along with their prioritization, responsible departments, and a What We Heard Report.
- The What We Heard report will be shared with Council soon as well.

***Topics to Monitor***

**Watershed and Coal Policy**

- No update

**Single Use Plastic**

- No update

**Tree Protection – Policy/Bylaw**

- Brent Emery to attend the February Meeting

**Green House Gas Plan/CEIP**

- 40 CEIP applications in progress

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

- Waste bylaw amendments to council

**Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)**

- The City is officially signed on.
- EPR will start in 2025 for single family homes.
- EPR will start in 2026 for multi-unit homes.

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**NEW  
BUSINESS**

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**Citizens of Distinction**

- Wendy and Mindy to work on this
- Due April 30<sup>th</sup>, plan to have nominations brought forward no later than the march meeting (wildlife conservation society would be a good nomination)
- Need letters of support
- Would like someone from the board to be part of the selection committee, during lunch hour.

**Edmonton Area Land Trust**

- Thank you, James T, for reaching out to the EALT.
- EALT is a non-advocacy organization and are not allowed to influence municipalities with development but are interested in still working with LEAB
- Administration to reach out to the EALT to see if they would be willing to attend a meeting to give us more information

**OPEN  
DISCUSSION**

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**RCA Conference**

- LEAB representation recap of the 2023 RCA Conference
- The Recycling Council of Alberta (RCA) hosted its 2023 Conference focusing on the circular economy at the Fairmont Chateau Lake Louise in Lake Louise, Alberta from October 18th to October 20th.
- Circular Economy refers to an economic system based on the reuse and regeneration of materials or products, especially as a means of continuing production in a sustainable or environmentally friendly way.
- Seeks to minimize waste and pollution
- The objective is to circulate products and materials (at their highest value)
- What is good for the environment is good for people, and business (the economy)
- Key takeaways:
- Throughout the conference there appeared to be significant discussion around producers to taking on the

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cost burden of recycling products rather than the consumer carrying any added costs

- Smaller municipalities face barriers associated with costs of recycling facilities including transportation costs, location and distances to facilities, as well there is an opportunity to educate rural residents on recycling processes to encourage improved recycling of household waste
- Although, this wasn't presented I gained this insight from speaking with other conference attendees as they shared their experiences and community issues
- Interesting Presentations: Presenter Jule Asterisk from High Prairie Regional Environmental Action Committee
- Educating youth and students through educational campaigns
- My Life As a Plastic Bottle video: <https://www.reacinfo.ca/my-life-as-a-plastic-bottle>
- Presenter Michael Hancharyk from City of Leduc: Using innovative AI technology to reduce organics contamination in recycling stream
- Presenter Jenn Harper from Cheekbone Beauty
- Indigenous Female owned business that now supports support Indigenous youth by committing to donate 2% of revenue
- Product packaging use copper, tin, and natural woods
- Cheekbone Beauty website: [https://www.cheekbonebeauty.com/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMI5eum69TBgwMVE87CBB1zkwF8EAAYASAAEgL4AfD\\_BwE](https://www.cheekbonebeauty.com/?gclid=EAlaIqobChMI5eum69TBgwMVE87CBB1zkwF8EAAYASAAEgL4AfD_BwE)
- Other interesting topics from presenters include:
- Investing in housing on First Nation reservations
- One company outlined their process for buying and selling houses that would be normally be demolished and sent to a landfill. These dwellings would be purchased and moved off their foundations. The dwelling would receive full interior and exterior renovations with appropriate materials and finishes for climate and weather in Northern Canada which align with today's building code (insulation, roofing, ect.) and then sold to different indigenous bands with a need for adequate housing.

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- Opportunities for LEAB: How can we encourage and promote circular economy activities in our own community?
- Is there a program to reuse and repurpose old houses rather than sending them to the landfill
- Infill lots
- Educating youth so they can educate their parents
- What were some other opportunities or key takeaways that the City of Leduc thought LEAB might discuss?

**ADJOURNMENT**

**5/2024**

**ADJOURNMENT**

**MOTION:** it was moved by James K to adjourn the meeting at 7:00p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

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**MOTION CARRIED**

The next meeting will be held on February 13, 2024 Telford Street Board Room

*Mindy Paradis*

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**Chair**

*Alysha Laviolette*

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**Recording Secretary**