

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
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REGULAR MINUTES Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held Tuesday, March 13, 2018 at the City of Leduc, Civic Centre, Telford Street Board Room, #1 Alexandra Park, 46 Avenue & 48A Street, Leduc, AB

PRESENT: Councillor Lars Hansen
Sheila Ruddy
Jennifer Roach
Brad Beesley
Thorren Koopmans
April Ziegler
Cory Kartz

WITH REGRETS: Katie Oliver
Douglas Hube
Jill Mitchell
Jaimee Dupont Morozoff

ALSO PRESENT: Kerra Chomlak – City Representative
Shirley Weslosky – Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

I. CALL TO ORDER

Sheila Ruddy called the meeting to order at 7:01p.m.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

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II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was **Moved** by Thorren Koopmans to approve the April 10, 2018 agenda as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

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III. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Motion: It was **Moved** by Brad Beesley to accept the regular meeting minutes of March 13, 2018 as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

IV. REPORTS

Chairman's Report

- LEAB presented their upcoming events through the year to Council. There were lots of positive comments to LEAB from Council.
- Council asked if the beekeeping was on LEAB's agenda in the near future.
- Having a youth member on the LEAB board was brought up at Council. Council would like Councillor Hansen to see if there is interest in the schools to have a youth member join LEAB. LEAB will discuss further. Options: approach schools in the fall to see if anyone is interested in joining LEAB, collaborate with a future Youth Council.

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Articles from the website

- Government of Canada website – Introducing the proposed amended Fisheries Act. On February 6, 2018 the Government introduced proposed amendments to restore lost protections and incorporate modern safeguards into the Fisheries Act. A revised Fisheries Act would see the lost protections restored, resulting in full protection for all fish and fish habitat.
- Alberta.ca website - Climate Change in Alberta. Alberta has experienced the two most costly disasters in the country's history (Ft. McMurray fires and southern Alberta floods \$1.7 billion) according to Insurance Bureau of Canada.
- Energy Efficiency Alberta website - The Residential and Commercial Solar Program offers incentives to homeowners, businesses, and non- profits that wish to install solar photovoltaic (PV) systems.
- City of Calgary – Leading Calgary to zero waste. City of Calgary Council approved a revised target of 70 per cent waste diversion by 2025 averaged across all four sectors. Business and organizations (industrial, commercial and institutional) 75 percent. Construction and demolition - 40 percent.

Action: Kerra Chomlak to check with planning to see what the process is for residents to install solar panels in Leduc.

Action: Shirley Weslosky to put beekeeping on the May agenda. See where Edmonton is at with their beekeeping bylaw. Circulate the Leduc animal control bylaw at the May LEAB meeting.

Action: Kerra Chomlak to circulate to LEAB the details on the ECO Station building plans.

Action: Councillor Hansen will provide information on the City of Leduc's bylaw survey.

Council's Report

- City council utilizes surplus to lessen tax requirement to 2.9% following first reading of the 2018 Property Tax Bylaw.
- Expansion funding for transit was passed at Council.
- Smart fair project funding was passed at Council. This has more detailed tracking for rider routes, and integrates us more, as municipalities are jumping onto smart fares.
- The Strategic Plan survey can be filled out on line at Leduc.ca until April 19, 2018.
- Leduc County and the City of Leduc had their joint Council meeting this month.

Action: Kerra Chomlak to see if the transportation master plan has any future plans for a train commuter route from Edmonton to Leduc in the future.

Administration's Report

- Kerra discussed the LEAB bylaw with the City Solicitor and they feel that we should leave the bylaw as is for now and wait until December

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**APPROVAL OF
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31, 2018. December is when two members' terms are over, and it can be discussed then. This will be postponed until the September meeting.

- Budget update – Budget will be brought forward at the next meeting.

**INFORMATION
ITEM**

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

V. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Motion: It was **Moved** by Jennifer Roach to accept the above noted reports for information purposes only.

MOTION CARRIED

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- Spring bird guides are ready for final review from LEAB and LWCS.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Southfork Community Gardens Report

- LEAB's comments on the draft report should be submitted to Shirley Weslosky by April 16, 2018.

Action: **Kerra Chomlak** will let LEAB know the cost comparisons on the two types of gardens in the community.

- LEAB suggested that the city look into a partnership with developers for community gardens.

B. Light Pollution Abatement – Letters on Light Pollution

- New versions of letters will be provided to LEAB members

C. Million Pollinator Garden Challenge – Sub-committee update

- Everything is ready to launch.

D. Sub-committee to advise on Green House Gas (GHG) action

- The subcommittee had met on Mar. 6 and agreed to be the City's official advisory committee for the development of this Plan. They provided input on the process and the principles.
- On April 9, the GHG plan development process and the GHG inventory was presented to the Committee of the Whole by Kerra and All One Sky/Posterity Group consultants.
- The Climate Management Express Workshop is on April 25, 2018 at 5:30 p.m. at the Lede Rooms. All LEAB members are invited.
- Kerra's philosophy is to set a target that is actually achievable, and to outline the actions to get there. LEAB agrees with this philosophy.
- Council appreciates input of LEAB and the sub-committee on the development of the plan and engagement of city residents.

NEW BUSINESS

E. Environmental Progress Report

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OPEN DISCUSSION

- LEAB received the final version of the Progress Report as information.
- Kerra Chomlak presented the Progress Report to Council April 9 and received many positive comments about the breadth of environmental topics that the City has covered over the past five years.

Action: Kerra Chomlak will send out the 5-year implementation plan to LEAB that went to Council with the progress report.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Event Reminders;

- April 14 & 15 – Business Expo at the LRC

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Action: Shirley Weslosky send email to LEAB members to see if they want to attend the Business Expo.

- April 19 – Volunteer Appreciation Banquet
- April 22- Earth Day – Environmental Services promoted Pitch In Week to schools and LWCS is doing a clean-up.
- April 25- GHG Workshop 5:30 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. at Civic Centre, Lede Room
- May 12 – Arbour Day 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m. Location is northwest of Fred Johns Park ball diamonds and south of 50th Avenue.
- May 26 – Greengold at Rona
- June 1 – Environment Week - Several events planned.

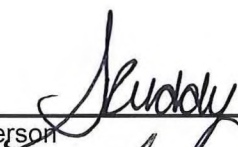
F. OPEN DISCUSSION

- LEAB would like to have a photo of members at the May meeting in the Civic Centre Atrium.
- Operation Fruit Rescue Edmonton (OFRE) website – This is a non-profit organization that rescues fruit in Edmonton and area by picking peoples unwanted fruit. They strive to eliminate food waste and improve community well-being.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: it was Moved by April Ziegler to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Chairperson 

Recording Secretary 