

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
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REGULAR MINUTES Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held Tuesday, November 20, 2018 at the City of Leduc, Civic Centre, Telford Street Board Room, #1 Alexandra Park, 46 Avenue & 48A Street, Leduc, AB

PRESENT: Katie Oliver
Councillor Lars Hansen
Jennifer Roach
Cory Kartz
Jaimee Dupont Morozoff
Douglas Hube

WITH REGRETS: Jill Mitchell
Thorren Koopmans
Brad Beesley
April Ziegler
Sheila Ruddy

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

CALL TO ORDER

I. CALL TO ORDER

Katie Oliver called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

38/2018

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was **Moved** by Doug Hube to approve the November 20, 2018 agenda as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

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III. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Motion: It was **Moved** by Jennifer Roach to accept the regular meeting minutes of October 16, 2018 as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

IV. REPORTS

Chairman's Report

- There was an Area Structure Plan open house held for Woodbend on the west end of Leduc. The Aerotropolis design maintains buffers and natural areas. Katie also supported the concept of a secondary school on the west end of Leduc.
- The townsite of Redwood Meadows is collecting soiled diapers and taking them to Calgary to compost. LEAB would need more information on the technology used.

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Council's Report

- November has been a busy month for Council with Budget.
- The tax split is Leduc is 66% residential and 34% non-residential, which is good compared to other municipalities that are mostly residential. Council would like to see the non-residential percentage increase. Currently there is slow non-residential growth in Leduc Business Park.
- Inflation is an important budget pressure; it is at 2.6% this year.
- Council proposed a tax increase of 2.89% during the budget process, which works out to less than \$50/household/year. This is down from the proposed 4.2% budget increase Council had discussed.
- Council approved a new pilot project for waste diversion at selected events in 2019. City of Leduc Public Services staff will support Environmental staff at the waste stations during events to ensure residents are sorting properly. LEAB will discuss these events in more detail in 2019. Suggestions: Arbour Day, Canada Curling event with the DBA, because it is held downtown.
- Council would like to ensure there are sorting stations at all of the city buildings. In particular: Civic Centre Atrium, near Council Chambers and in the Library public areas, with other bins to be budgeted for next year.
- There was a survey on youth wellness Initiative, asking what youth in Leduc value; this was targeting grade 8 and 9 students. Using the results from the engagement activities and survey, city staff programmed a number of pilot opportunities for youth in 2018. These included:
 - Day trips to exciting capital region venues including the Snow Valley Aerial Park, Launch Pad
 - Trampoline Park and Vertically Inclined Rock Climbing GymThere will be a pilot project for an "All Access Pass" during the summer of 2019 where youth in grades 8 and 9 can activate a free LRC youth membership. This membership would be valid at the LRC and Alexandra Outdoor Pool plus have additional benefits like free Leduc Transit access on internal routes.
- Council are looking at senior access to the LRC ages 60 & up will have free access to the LRC amenities and join in drop in activities from Monday – Friday between 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.
- Community Gardens west end location was discussed in budget.

Administration's Report

- City of Leduc was alerted of a chemical spill at the Leduc Recreation Centre. The spill resulted in six cubic metres of glycol leaking into the nearby storm water collection system that connects to Telford Lake. The cause of the spill has been confirmed to be a result of vandalism and RCMP were notified. Details of the event were immediately reported to Alberta Environment and Parks and Environment Canada, and Kerra has been reporting to them daily. Most recent lab results show both ethylene and propylene glycol are below the guideline.
- Kerra attended a recent regional Integrated Pest Management workshop. Alberta Invasive Species Council attended the workshop and they have an EddmapS App to download and report invasive weeds and pests.

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**APPROVAL OF
REPORTS**

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V. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Motion: It was **Moved** by Jaimee Dupont Morozoff to accept the above noted reports for information purposes only.

MOTION CARRIED

**INFORMATION
ITEM**

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- Round table

Action: Kerra Chomlak will check with the City of Leduc Planning Department to see if new home and business owners are required to have certain types of lighting at their home or business. Kerra will clarify what is in the Land Use Bylaw, and what potential changes LEAB could propose.

LEAB had heard about the \$14M/ha/year value of urban forests.

Action: Kerra Chomlak will look into: the costs/values in Leduc's tree inventory with Public Services, the inputs in the GHG Plan and whether the social value of trees includes human wellbeing, and report back to LEAB.

"Clean, Dry, Drain" is a program that educates residents to clean boats after leaving the water to prevent the spread of invasive species. There are also a similar initiative for construction equipment. "Play, Clean, Go" is an initiative to address spread of invasive plants by hikers, campers, homeowners and ATVs by cleaning, staying on the trail, etc.: <http://www.playcleango.org/>. There is a concern with residents and dogs spreading noxious weeds when walking through parks e.g. leaving the Dog Park with tansy seeds and spreading to other areas in Leduc. LEAB have suggested that at the dog park have a boot cleaner and/or signage so residents can clean their foot wear when leaving the park. This will eliminate spreading noxious weeds to the next trail or park.

Action: Kerra Chomlak will pass this suggestion onto Leduc's Parks department and the website to the Regional Invasive Species group.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Light Pollution Abatement – Sub-committee Update
Administration are increasing awareness of the social, environmental and economic benefits of protecting and enjoying the dark/night sky. LEAB had previously approved the communication project plan for \$1,800 which includes;
- LED Boards in city buildings
 - Showcase at the new transit stops
 - Social media posts
 - Library Display
 - Business outreach next year

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- Half page editorial in Winter City Guide
- Themed (star) tree at Festival of Trees

Kerra Chomlak has been advising City projects on "LEAB's Dark Sky Lighting Tips" and these will come out as part of the messaging in the communications plan:

- Install a timer to ensure lights are turned off when not needed.
- Use shielded light fixtures that direct the light downward
- Use the right amount of light - a glaring light impedes vision
- Use LED energy efficient bulbs
- Choose warm/yellow light vs cool/blue lights
- Light only what you need and when you need it

B. Green House Gas (GHG) plan - sub-committee update

- LEAB had received a detailed presentation in October. The GHG list of potential actions and targets has now been presented to Council, and there is general support.
- All the "low scenario" actions already included in Leduc's budget so a minimum target will be met, e.g. Energy efficiency retrofits at civic buildings, tree planting.
- GHG Open House will be held January 23, 2018, 2:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. LEAB Committee of Council Presentation – Jan. 14

- LEAB would like to investigate the plastic bag ban further. They will flag the issues for Council at their Jan. 14 presentation and then bring a recommendation back to Council at a later date.
- Focus will be on ICI/MF waste diversion and GHG Plan. The business case for an additional environmental staff person was not approved, so implementation of these two projects can not begin in 2019.

Action: Kerra Chomlak will outline any cost savings and benefits of the waste diversion program so that it can help Council see the program in more positive light.

B. Festival of Trees December 8 & 9, 2018

- The set up time for the Festival of Trees is December 7, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. LRC, Fieldhouse. The LEAB members that would like to set up are Doug Hube and Jaimee Dupont Morozoff.
- Take down time for the Festival of Trees is Sunday, December 9, 2018 at 4:00 p.m. The LEAB members that would like to take down the tree are Jennifer Roach & Katie Oliver

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C. ECO Station Enhancement

- The Eco Station will have Eco friendly materials for the inside and outside of the Eco Station.
- Grand opening will be in the spring 2019.

D. Single use plastics

- Jennifer Roach and Katie Oliver will investigate single use plastics further and bring a recommendation back to Council. What are the results of other Municipalities who are doing this?
- LEAB discussed consulting with the public and see if they are supportive of banning single use plastics such as;
 1. Straws
 2. Plastics bags
 3. Plastic cupsInformation would have to be provided on how the plastics are in our oceans, give them recommendations to what they could use instead of plastic bags.

E. The Capital Gateway Beautification Foundation

- Capital Gateway Beautification Foundation want to put in trees along HWY 2 they would like support for funding from the City of Leduc for \$80,000 for the next 5 years. The foundation was asked by the City of Leduc Administration to confirm with Alberta Transportation if it is okay to plant the trees on HWY 2, and if the soil is good for planting trees.
- LEAB would like to know what kind of trees will they be planting? Have they considered wild life along HWY 2?

F. Wheel Chair Access to the observing forms along the south shore of Telford Lake.

- LEAB would like to see these platforms to be wheel chair and stroller accessible.
- There is concern with the house on 53 Avenue beside North Telford Park (Tot Lot) on Telford Lake. The owner tore the house down and brought in a lot of black dirt into the back yard by Telford Lake. LEAB is concerned that this dirt will be put into Telford Lake and impact the shore line. How does the City monitor this?

Action Kerra Chomlak will talk to Engineering or Planning Department to see if they are aware of the situation and find out the intentions of the owner.

OPEN DISCUSSION

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION

- December 3, 2018 at the Committee of the Whole meeting, they will be discussing the animal bylaw survey results on hens, bees and goats. LEAB are welcome to attend the meeting.

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ADJOURNMENT

X. ADJOURNMENT

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Motion: it was Moved by Doug Hube to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Chairperson



Recording Secretary