

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD  
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**REGULAR MINUTES** Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held Tuesday, February 11, 2020 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 (teleconference)  
Thorren Koopmans  
Jennifer Roach  
April Ziegler  
Brittany Onysyk  
Benjamin McDonald

**WITH REGRETS:** Wendy Yule  
Lynne Chalmers

**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 7:01 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**08/2020**

**Motion:** It was **Moved** by Jennifer Roach to approve the February 11, 2020 agenda as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

**III. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES**

**09/2020**

**Motion:** It was **Moved** by Ben McDonald to accept the organizational meeting minutes of January 14, 2020 as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**10/2020**

**Motion:** It was **Moved** by April Ziegler to accept the regular meeting minutes of January 14, 2020 as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORTS**

**IV. REPORTS**

**A. Chairman's Report**

- Draft science assessment of plastic pollution - Microplastics are ubiquitous in the environment, the report notes - they may travel from soil into groundwater and have been detected in both indoor and outdoor air. Microplastics have been detected in up to 93% of

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bottled water samples from outside of Canada, with concentrations varying across bottle type. In the case of tap water, some studies have detected microplastics while others have not.

- Plastic ban coming in 2021 after report concludes there is evidence of harm on February 1, 2020, Environment Minister Jonathan Wilkinson confirmed government plans to introduce a national ban on many single-use plastics in 2021.
- Canada Partners with Canadian Tire to build one of Canada's largest EV Charging Networks.
- Building code being modernized to address climate change - The update is being done this year, and 'the major action will come in 2025,' says National Research Council. The new code will upgrade building requirements for wind resistance and how buildings bear snow loads. There will be new rules for rainwater collection. Automatic backflow systems will be compulsory to reduce flooding risk. New standards related to climate change are also on the way for windows, exterior insulation, fire tests, air barriers and asphalt shingles.
- Stewards closing the circle for waste electronics - Alberta's Electronics Program is approved to accept only TVs, computer equipment, copiers, fax machines and scanners (although the province is considering expanding the program).
- Saskatchewan posts solid waste management strategy – On January 23, 2020, the Government of Saskatchewan announced the new provincial Solid Waste Management Strategy, outlining a practical and sustainable strategy for short- and long-term waste management goals over the next 20 years. Waste reduction targets of 30 per cent by 2030 and 50 per cent by 2040.
- Newfoundland and Labrador Regulation 1/20: Plastic Retail Bag Regulations - Under the regulation, with certain prescribed exceptions, "a retailer shall not sell or provide a plastic retail bag to a person". These regulations come in to force July 1, 2020.
- Sobeys aims to scrap plastic bags from all stores in 2020 - Sobeys plans to remove plastic bags from all its grocery stores in Canada by the end of January 2020.
- Plastic Bag ban officially launched in Devon, AB as of January 1, 2020.

**B. Council's Report**

- The City of Leduc is working with the Provincial Government, and Blackgold School Division, to build a future public high school on the west end of Leduc. It could be an integrated high school/recreation centre. This could have two field houses, tracks, rinks, and a fitness centre, in the future. It was suggested by Councillor Hansen to have environmental upgrades on the school, such as solar power on the roof top.
- The City Manager is retiring so Council will be recruiting a new City Manager.
- Councillor Hansen is on the Corporate Service Committee, that is involved in the audit process for the City of Leduc. The auditors are looking at calculating the cost of retiring assets, once their lifespan expires.

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Kerra Chomlak joined the meeting at 7:30 p.m.

C. Administration's Report

- LEAB budget was reviewed with the LEAB members.
- Citizen of Distinction Awards 2020 deadline was extended to February 14, 2020.
- The Peter Puffin Performance was sold out this year with 450 students registered, three schools were unable to attend due to capacity at the Maclab Theatre. It was suggested that administration check into the City Life Church for the Peter Puffin performance next year as they can accommodate a larger number.

11/2020

**Motion:** It was **Moved** by Jennifer Roach to approve the budget as presented.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF  
REPORTS**

V. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

12/2020

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**INFORMATION  
ITEM**

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- LEAB members discussed information items.

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Single Use Plastics

- There could be a national bag ban in 2021, LEAB should keep monitoring this ban.
- LEAB suggested to try and get a grant and use that money to move forward and ban bags in Leduc.
- Retail Council of Canada (RCC) Presentation for Edmonton Regional Waste Advisory Committee (ERWAC) was distributed with minutes.
- Potential Grant called EcoAction - Municipalities are not eligible for this grant but are encouraged to profit with a non-profit organization. LEAB suggested looking into this grant.

**Action:** Kerra Chomlak will do up a draft consultation plan outline on tasks, audience and costs and present it to LEAB in March.

**Action:** Ben McDonald will look into two grants and bring back information to the March LEAB meeting.

Sheila Ruddy left the meeting at 7:58 p.m. and Ben McDonald Chaired the meeting.

B. Bees and Hens pilot project update

- LEAB discussed the criteria to evaluate the pilot project provided in the meeting package.

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- Add: Compare year one to year two data e.g. duration of participation, increase in public awareness.
- Assess positive and negative feedback to determine whether there is acceptance in the community.
- Propose the changes required to the program to address complaints.
- Evaluate how many people would have to take down the structures after the pilot project, if a longer-term program was not approved.
- Bees and Hens information session at the Library March 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

C. Volunteer Fair Saturday, March 21, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- Location is at the Civic Centre Atrium
- Set up 9:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m.
- LEAB members to work the booth
- Booth Display will include Arbour Day, Spring Bird Count, Pollinator Garden Challenge, and Bees and Hens.

**Action:** Shirley Weslosky will set up a volunteer schedule for LEAB members.

**NEW  
BUSINESS**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Interpretive Sign on Telford Lake Habitats

- Community Development will install signs along Telford Lake multiway on various environmental topics e.g. wetlands, forests, etc.
- LEAB suggested having a sign for the owl boxes, to explain their purpose.

**Action:** Kerra Chomlak will do a draft list of Telford Lake Habitat signs for LEAB to review.

B. Pollinator Garden Challenge

- LEAB approved the budget to purchase pollinator seeds to give away at events.
- Million Pollinator Garden Challenge registration process was discussed.
- The Pollinator Garden Challenge sub-committee will be April Ziegler, Jennifer Roach, Brittany Onysyk, Lynne Chalmers and Sheila Ruddy.
- May 20, 2020 is World Bee Day and June 22, 2020 is Pollinator Week; this would be a good time for promotions.

**Action:** Shirley Weslosky will talk to Communications about adding postal codes on the registration form (as an optional field), so they can be forwarded to Million Pollinator Garden Challenge. We'll then post the map on our website.

- The Bee City application requires public display/signage. LEAB suggested signage at the Public Library, or at Telford Pollinator Garden wind up, or have the High school make some signage.
- There is a yearly application fee of \$300.00.

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- There is a contradicting message about the bees/hens project being a "pilot" if we proceed with a bee city designation at the beginning of the pilot, as opposed to the end.
- LEAB to review application and discuss at the next meeting.

**Action: Shirley Weslosky** will circulate the application to LEAB members when it is completed for their review.

**Action: Shirley Weslosky** to see about using tablets for the Volunteer fair to register people for the Pollinator Garden Challenge.

C. Group Photo – postponed to March meeting.

**OPEN  
DISCUSSION**

**IX. OPEN DISCUSSION**

- LEAB discussed having their own event, maybe something on the environment at a town hall, similar to other Council events, or hold an open house with speakers. Invite MP, and neighbouring municipalities.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**13/2020**

**Motion: it was Moved** by Brittany Onysyk to adjourn the meeting at 8:44 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**XI. NEXT MEETING MARCH 10, 2020**

- GHG reduction plan put on the March agenda.



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Chairperson



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Recording Secretary