

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
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**REGULAR MINUTES** Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held Tuesday, February 9, 2021 via GoToMeeting, Leduc, AB.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Lars Hansen  
Sheila Ruddy  
Benjamin McDonald  
Jennifer Roach  
Wendy Yule  
Brittany Onysyk  
Lynne Chalmers  
Mindy Paradis  
Ngairé Nix

**WITH REGRETS:**

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kerra Chomlak – City Representative  
Shelby Lowe – City Representative  
Shirley Weslosky – Recording Secretary  
Juanita Marinus – Leduc Resident at 7:00 p.m.  
Katie Oliver – Leduc Resident at 7:00 p.m.  
Jill Mitchell – Leduc Resident at 8:00 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Wendy Yule called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA  
09/2021**

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

Addition to the agenda VIII. New Business A. Beekeeping 1 – All about honey bees by Lynne Chalmers.  
Change on the agenda next meeting date should read March 9, 2021.

**Motion:** It was **Moved** by Lynne Chalmers to approve the February 9, 2021 agenda as amended.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
10/2021**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** It was **Moved** by Brittany Onysyk to accept the organizational meeting minutes of January 12, 2021 as circulated.

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
11/2021**

**Motion:** It was **Moved** by Jennifer Roach to accept the regular meeting minutes of January 12, 2021 as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SAFETY  
MOMENT**

**IV. SAFETY MOMENT**

- Winter weather and falls on ice
  - Fractures to your wrists and ankles can be life changing.
  - 1700 visits in a 12-month period to the hospital due to slips and falls in the winter.

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- To prevent slipping and falling walk like a penguin and take short steps.
- Wear proper footwear when going out for a winter walk.

**REPORTS**

**V. REPORTS**

A. Chair's Report

- LEAB Chair, Wendy Yule expressed her gratitude for the LEAB board and gave thanks to everyone for their hard work and passion for the LEAB projects that they are all involved in.

B. Council's Report

- Council Strategic Planning session was held with 3 topics being of concern;
  - Discussing how to move forward with a homeless strategy.
  - New Communications Director started with the city of Leduc, and is working with Council on a buy local strategy for residents to shop local and support small businesses.
  - City of Leduc now owns the Golf Course and is building the new club house. Lars would like to see community events there open to all of Leduc residents.
  - The City of Leduc budget includes community gardens in Deer Valley, these gardens will be ready for spring 2022.

**Action:** Kerra Chomlak will bring a map of the west end City Gardens to the March LEAB meeting.

**Action:** Councillor Hansen will look into whether or not the income generated by the Wifi Towers at the Leduc Golf Course now belongs to the City of Leduc, and bring back information for LEAB.

C. Administration's Report

- Hens and Bees applications are open until February 15, 2021 we have one application as of today.
- Administration has applied for grant to hire a Municipal Energy Manager as a City of Leduc staff member to help with GHG reductions and organics diversion with the LDRWMA. This should be in place by April.
- Budget was discussed with LEAB and they were encouraged to take courses if they are interested.

**APPROVAL OF  
REPORTS**

11/2021

**VI. APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Single Use Plastics – Update

- This will remain on the agenda to review additional information that may be released in regards to the Federal ban.
- No update

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**Action:** Kerra will look into what happened at the City of Edmonton Utility Committee meeting regarding single use plastic.

- B. Spraying fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides in Leduc – Sub-committee update
- The committee has been strategizing what to bring to Council.
  - They had a meeting with the City of Kelowna in January. Kelowna has bylaws in place to end pesticide use in their city and provided feedback on how they enforced their bylaw. Kelowna suggests that if you are going to implement a plan you should have a strong bylaw as there can be concerns raised from residents and contractors. Kelowna discussed how complaints are handled and have not issued any fines recently.
  - Kelowna has a notification process, where residents sign up annually if they do not want properties sprayed around their property. They receive 300-400 people a year that sign up for this notification program.
  - Kelowna has signage requirements that are in place when spraying.
  - Kelowna has registration requirements by the spraying companies.
  - Next step for subcommittee to draft a report with recommendations to for review by LEAB and then LEAB can present to Council. The recommendations will consider education, signage, registration and potential action for the city, private businesses and sprayers.

- C. Green House Gas Plan – update from sub-committee

**Action:** Shirley Weslosky will set up a GHG sub-committee meeting in February or March.

- The bylaw for the Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) was advertised and some residents were concerned it was called a “tax” bylaw. It was clarified by Councillor Hansen that this is not a tax for all residents it is a program where you can elect to have a charge put on your tax bill, if participating in the CEIP program.
  - The City of Leduc will only proceed with the program if the FCM grant is received.
  - April 12, 2021 is the second Council public hearing for CEIP.
- D. Business and Multi-Family Waste Diversion Stakeholders Group – Shelby Lowe and Katie Oliver
- There will be a waste diversion pilot project in 2021 that will include businesses and multi-family homes.
  - Katie Oliver will be an advisor on this project and will work with Shelby on developing the terms of reference for a stakeholder committee.
  - Potential pilot project participants include the Senior Housing in Leduc, Agrivalue Processing Shelby Lowe will work with the Planning department to make sure new developments have enough room for three waste streams. This may require updating the Land Use bylaw for Business and Multi-Family Waste Diversion.
  - LEAB would like the stakeholder group to develop goals that are measureable, and reach out to a variety of different businesses.

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- E. Dark Skies – Update from sub-committee
  - Dark Skies Sub-committee meeting will be held March 3, 2021.
  
- F. LEAB Strategic Planning – Review priority topics for 2021
  - Hens and bees pilot project
  - Single use plastics
  - Business and multi-family (ICI/MF) recycling and organics diversion
  - Urban tree removal and replacement policy/bylaw
  - Pesticide policy
  - Green House Gas reductions
  - Pollinator Garden Challenge
  - Dark Skies

This will be deferred until the March 9, 2021 meeting.

**NEW  
BUSINESS**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Recycle Council of Alberta (RCA) Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) report back Mindy Paradis and Lynne Chalmers  
  
Beekeeping 1 – All about honey bees – Lynne Chalmers

This will be deferred until the March 9, 2021 meeting.

- B. Alberta Coal Policy – email from Jill Mitchell
  - An email was submitted to LEAB from Jill Mitchell regarding the Alberta Coal Policy.
  - It impacts the watershed in Alberta, with pollution going into the North Saskatchewan River, LEAB is concerned about the potential impact on City of Leduc drinking water.
  - LEAB would like to see City Council get involved by sending a letter to the appropriate provincial government authorities and ministries regarding the AB Coal Policy.
  - Another option is to intervene in the open pit permit process with Alberta Environment and Parks.
  - Town of Banff and City of Calgary passed a motions to halt all mining exploration until the consultation is conducted.
  - LEAB could write a letter to our Premier or MLA or recommend City Council write a letter.
  - LEAB agreed to recommend that City Council consider sending a letter to the appropriate provincial government authorities and ministries regarding the AB Coal Policy.
  - All LEAB members were in agreement to set up a sub-committee to clarify details and write a letter to Council. LEAB members will be asked to approve the letter by email prior to submission to Council.
  - LEAB will be researching the issue further especially the impact to City of Leduc drinking water.

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The Alberta Coal Policy sub-committee will be Brittany Onysyk, Lynne Chalmers, Mindy Paradis, Councillor Lars Hanson, Wendy Yule and Jill Mitchell. Tuesday, February 16, 2021 will be the meeting.

Jill Mitchell left at 8:46 p.m.

**OPEN  
DISCUSSION**

**IX. OPEN DISCUSSION**

- No items discussed at this meeting.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**12/2021**

**Motion:** it was **Moved** by Lynne Chalmers to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEXT MEETING**

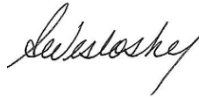
**XI. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on March 9, 2021



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Chairperson



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Recording Secretary