

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
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**REGULAR MINUTES** Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held Tuesday, October 19, 2021 via GoToMeeting, Leduc, AB.

**PRESENT:** Wendy Yule  
Lynne Chalmers  
Ngaire Nix  
Brittany Onysyk  
Sheila Ruddy  
Mindy Paradis

**WITH REGRETS:** Councillor Lars Hansen  
Jennifer Roach  
Benjamin McDonald

**ALSO PRESENT:** Shelby Lowe – City Representative  
Keri Nelsen – City Representative  
Shirley Weslosky – Recording Secretary

**CALL TO ORDER I. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**34/2021**

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
Additional items added to the agenda VIII. New business;  
A. LWCS Buffers and Berms  
B. Community Volunteers working with LEAB

**Motion:** It was **Moved** by Ngaire Nix to approve the October 19, 2021 agenda as amended.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**35/2021**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**Motion:** It was **Moved** by Lynne Chalmers to accept the regular meeting minutes of September 14, 2021 as circulated.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SAFETY MOMENT**

**IV. SAFETY MOMENT**

- Home Safety when children are in the home
  - Take special care in storing medication and edible cannabis
  - Use candles with light switches instead of burning candles
  - Keep soap pods locked in a cupboard can be an issue in the home with small kids
  - When steaming vegetable watch the stove and if the water burns the pot you can use vinegar to clean it.
  - Do not leave kids near water, any depth of water can be dangerous.
  - Under the sink storage with hazardous chemicals can be an issue if kids get into it. Insure they cannot get into the cupboard by tying up the doors.

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- November is hunting season ensure bullets and guns are locked up.
- Family dogs can be dangerous around children. When children are bugging the dog sometimes the dog will bite the child.

**REPORTS**

**V. REPORTS**

A. Chair's Report

- Bioengineering workshop was attended by City of Leduc staff LEAB, and the Leduc Wildlife Conservation Society (LWCS).
- Planting willows help with steep slopes and marshy areas.
- The workshop showed everyone how to collect, prepare and plant balsam cuttings
- The samplings were planted in the wetlands along the north side of Telford Lake.
- The group also planted seedlings and potted bushes.

B. Council's Report

- No update

C. Administration's Report

- Recycling Round up will be held at the Eco Station on Saturday October 23, 2021 from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
- There will be a second wetland area at the south east end of Telford Lake.
- LEAB decided to hold the November meeting virtually and the December 14<sup>th</sup> meeting will be an in person meeting.

**VI. APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF  
REPORTS  
36/2021**

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

A. Coal Policy - Update

- the Government appointed Coal Policy Committee, consisting of 5 members, stated the number of public responses were exceptional and overwhelming.  
They asked for an extension of the engagement report to Nov 15, which was granted by the Ministry of Energy.

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

**Action:** Shirley will set up a Coal Policy sub-committee meeting this month.

B. Spraying fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides and Pollinator Garden Challenge – Sub-committee update

- October 14 was the sub-committee meeting LEAB acknowledged that the pollinator garden was not successful the last two years.

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- LEAB would like to see more education on the use of pesticides and how they can harm individuals. They would like to combine the pollinator garden information with the pesticide information and make one pamphlet to hand out to residents. LEAB suggested to have a consultant help with the promotional material.
- LEAB is waiting to hear if they City receives a \$30,000.00 dollar budget approval by the end of November. This would be for a telephone survey on pesticides.
- LEAB would like recommendations from the pesticide survey to go to Council in May or June, 2022 to prepare for budget 2023.
- LEAB agreed to continue to move things forward with the pamphlets and monitor what is happening in the neighborhood's.
- LEAB would like to see if anything has changed at the Provincial or Federal level.
- LEAB are interested in utilizing some Pollinator Garden funds to use for residential pesticide education.
- LEAB discussed having volunteers help in planting a pesticide-free demonstration garden at the Leduc Community Gardens.

**Action:** Keri will set up a meeting for the Pesticide and Pollinator Garden sub-committee after the grant is approved.

- C. Green House Gas (GHG) Plan and The Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) – Update from sub-committee
  - CEIP administration will know by the end of October if we received the grant.
  - E-scooters went to executive and there are concerns, so this will go to council for decision on whether to proceed with a public consultation and recommended bylaw updates for a future pilot in 2022.
- D. Dark Skies – Update from sub-committee
  - On October 4 the sub-committee met to review and discuss the articles that Doug Hube sent to the REP to be published. These articles will be published when space is available.
  - Once the articles are published they will be posted on the LEAB website.
  - There will be a Dark Skies display set up in the Leduc Library by the end of October.
- E. Single Use Plastics – Update
  - No Update

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Leduc Wildlife Conservation Society (LWCS) Buffers and Berms
  - There was an article published in the Leduc REP by the LWCS. They have concerns with the Leduc Industrial Park on the east side of Telford Lake. They feel that there should be some berms and buffers closer to the edge of industrial lots. The City of Leduc does have a Telford overlay plan that plans the landscaping, lighting for natural wildlife. There is municipal reserve and environmental reserve around

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**NEW  
BUSINESS**

the lake however, it is thinner than they would like to see in some areas. LWCS will be looking into other municipalities and what they are doing for berms and setbacks.

**Action:** Wendy will invite John Stephen with the LWCS to the November or February LEAB meeting.

**Action:** Keri will send LEAB the City of Leduc response that was sent to the LWCS regarding berms and buffers.

B. Community Volunteers working with LEAB

**Action:** Keri will send the list of sub-committees to Elana Hansen and see if there are any volunteers interested in helping the LEAB sub-committees.

Sheila will do an inclusive information session at the November LEAB meeting.

**IX. OPEN DISCUSSION**

- October 21, 2021 is National Pronoun Day

**X. FUTURE TOPICS**

- Hens and bees pilot project
- Business and multi-family (ICI/MF) recycling and organics diversion
- Urban tree removal and replacement policy/bylaw

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** it was **Moved** by Sheila Ruddy to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**OPEN  
DISCUSSION**

**XII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held virtually on November 9, 2021

**ADJOURNMENT  
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Chairperson

**NEXT MEETING**



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Recording Secretary