

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
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REGULAR MINUTES Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held Tuesday, September 11, 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
Sheila Ruddy
Douglas Hube
Jennifer Roach
Thorren Koopmans
April Ziegler
Cory Kartz
Jaimee Dupont Morozoff

WITH REGRETS: Jill Mitchell
Brad Beesley

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 6:59 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

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II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was **Moved** by April Ziegler to approve the September 11, 2018 agenda as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

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III. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Motion: It was **Moved** by Doug Hube to accept the regular meeting minutes of June 5, 2018 as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

IV. REPORTS

Chairman's Report

- Results of the Spring Bird Count article states there were 108 species spotted this year, seven of them were new to Leduc this year.
- CBC news - There is an app called (Naturelynx) this app is to create biodiversity network in Canada. Users can set up what's called a mission in certain areas. People in the surrounding area can contribute the diversity in plants, animals, insects, they see to the mission. This may help individuals with the bird count.
- American Innovators Award went to three grade eight students from Ohio; they used heat to convert the styrofoam into activated carbon- which could be used to filter water.

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- City of Edmonton is looking into reducing or eliminating common use and disposable plastics such as plastic straws, plastic bags, beverage stir sticks, disposable cups. City of Edmonton Administration will begin with a public consultation, then Administration will return to Utility Committee in February 2019 with results of the public engagement.
- City of Edmonton administration is looking into food waste reduction, a 20-50 percent reduction in food waste has been observed or reported to be possible as a result.

Council's Report

- In September, MLA Anderson presented to Council on the 65 Avenue overpass.
- Met recently with the Hon. Mike Lake.
- Saturday, September 15 at the LRC there is a Public Meet and Greet with Council.
- Councillor Hansen is on the grants organization review.
- This fall LEAB will be provided with the animal survey results on hens and bees.
- AUMA is at the end of September in Red Deer. Councillor Hansen will be attending.
- The regional meeting of various Councils will be held September 12, 2018.
- November/ December is budget for the City of Leduc.

Administration's Report

- The GFL waste sort report was distributed to LEAB members; shows contamination levels that there is an increase in the amount of organics in waste stream (41%). Blue bag contamination levels have improved. In the green bins contamination has also improved, however 30% of the organic materials were contained in plastic packaging.
- Phone survey is going out to Leduc residents concerning curbside collection and the ECO Station.
- Next year we will be trying to get out to more schools, restaurants, businesses and encourage sorting, if budget decisions support this.
- Flush Smarter/Sort Smarter door hangers were delivered to 8000 homes in August.
- The LEAB Budget was presented by Kerra Chomlak.

Action: Kerra Chomlak will request time on a Council agenda for LEAB to present on the Bill 10 Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program and on the need for an Industrial, Commercial, Institutional/Multi-Family (ICI/MF) waste diversion program.

**APPROVAL OF
REPORTS**

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V. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

MOTION CARRIED

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**INFORMATION
ITEM**

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- Round table

Action: Shirley Weslosky check to see if the wild flower seeds worked out for others. Call the company and see how long the packages last.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Community Gardens – Review Guidelines, Add Roles/Responsibilities
- LEAB provided changes to the draft guidelines for community gardens.
 - There will be another review by LEAB on Friday September 14, 2018 with a quick turn around for LEAB to address any comments.
- B. Light Pollution Abatement – Sub-committee Update
- Dark Skies and LEAB will be at the festival of trees in 2018.
- C. Million pollinator garden challenge – Sub-committee update
- The wind up event will be held Saturday, September 15, 2018 at the City of Leduc Civic Centre from 10:00 – 11.
- D. Green House Gas (GHG) plan sub-committee update
- Administration is now working on the modeling of costs and benefits of GHG actions. Initial consultation and public survey complete.
 - Public open house will be held at the end of January.
 - There will be a presentation on GHG what we heard report, draft actions and costs at the Committee of Whole on October 22, 2018.
- E. Urban Beekeeping
- Survey was conducted and waiting for the results

NEW BUSINESS

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- A. Spring Bird Count Results
- Seven new species this year; Winter Wren, American Three Toad Woodpecker, Sandhill Crane, Rufous Hummingbird, Long-Billed Dowitcher, Common Yellowthroat, and the Clark's Grebe.
 - There were 20 participants in the spring bird count.
- B. LEAB Christmas meeting will be held December 11, 2018

OPEN DISCUSSION

A. OPEN DISCUSSION

- LEAB members were interested in knowing about the water levels in Telford Lake. Levels are low due to low precipitation this summer.

Action: Kerra will pass on to Parks that garbage was recently spotted in the lake near the boardwalk, and that the recycling bins look good.

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ADJOURNMENT

B. ADJOURNMENT

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Motion: it was Moved by Jennifer Roach to adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Chairperson



Recording Secretary