

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2020
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REGULAR MINUTES Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held Tuesday, December 8, 2020 via GoToMeeting, Leduc, AB.

PRESENT: Councillor Lars Hansen
Sheila Ruddy
Benjamin McDonald
Jennifer Roach
Wendy Yule
April Ziegler
Brittany Onysyk
Thorren Koopmans
Lynne Chalmers

WITH REGRETS:

ALSO PRESENT: Kerra Chomlak – City Representative
Shirley Weslosky – Recording Secretary
Juanita Marinus – Leduc Resident

CALL TO ORDER

I. CALL TO ORDER

Sheila Ruddy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

43/2020

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was **Moved** by Lynn Chalmers to approve the December 8, 2020 agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

44/2020

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was **Moved** by Wendy Yule to accept the regular meeting minutes of November 10, 2020 as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**SAFETY
MOMENT**

IV. SAFETY MOMENT

- Security at home when working at home.
 - Remember to shred any personal or work documents.

REPORTS

V. REPORTS

A. Chairman's Report

- WSP to acquire Golder, creating a global engineering and environmental consulting firm.
- AEP is proposing to amend the Waste Control Regulation and implement a Code of Practice regarding hydrovac slurry. There are 5 videos to watch and the draft COP to review in the link below.
<https://talkaep.alberta.ca/hydrovac-facilities-code-of-practice>

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B. Council's Report

- Budget 2021
 - Council has approved a 0% tax increase.
 - Council approved forward the West End Community Garden site.
 - The Hens and Bees pilot program and the ICI & MF waste reduction strategy are both moving forward in 2021.
 - The Arbour Day tree planting has been approved to double the amount of trees planted in 2021.
- COVID-19 Restrictions
 - Library will be closed.
 - Restaurants will be closed for dining in, but drive through and pick up will be available.
 - You will be able to continue with curbside pick-up at stores.
 - City Finances will have to be re-looked at for 2021.

C. Administration's Report

- Wetland enhancement project around Telford is almost complete.
- Interviews went well for new LEAB members; there were many applications. The two new LEAB members starting in January 2021 are Mindy Paradis and Ngaire Nix. Jennifer Roach will be also be joining us for her second term on the LEAB board in 2021.
- Budget was reviewed and LEAB would like to purchase some prizes and seeds for next year.

Action: Kerra will look into courses for LEAB members.

**APPROVAL OF
REPORTS
45/2020**

VI. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

MOTION CARRIED

**INFORMATION
ITEM**

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- Government of Alberta is gathering ideas from Albertans to ensure outdoor recreation on Crown land is funded and managed sustainably, now and into the future; this includes provincial parks. LEAB members are encourage to do the survey at <https://www.alberta.ca/sustainable-outdoor-recreation-engagement.aspx>.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

VIII. 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.
 - Federal Government is rolling out a ban on single use plastics right now they are consulting with steak holders and closing December 9, 2020.
- B. Spraying fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides in Leduc – Sub-group update
- Meeting next week to discuss more research that was done.

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- Will put together a presentation with recommendations for the LEAB Board.

Action: Shirley will add sub-group presentation to the agenda in January 2021.

Juanita left the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

C. Green House Gas Plan

- Developing a CEIP bylaw and will be presented to Council on January 11, 2020 for the first reading.

D. Dark Skies

- LEAB would like to see a policy move forward for Leduc, and will present to Council in the near future. There is already a good base of understanding in Leduc from the previous residential education campaign.
- It was suggested to start a subgroup committee after the January Meeting.

Action: Shirley add Dark Skies to the agenda in January 2021.

E. Citizen of Distinction Award

- The deadline is in February. There is at least one nomination for Environmental Achievement that carried forward from last year.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Christmas Presentation

- Kerra presented a power point to LEAB with the LEAB's accomplishments from 2018-2020.
- The group thanked April Zeigler and Thorren Koopmans for their contributions to the LEAB board over the past three years. With April and Thorren's help, LEAB has made significant progress on many topics such as bees/hens, pollinator challenge and gardens, habitat creation, single use plastics, greenhouse gas reduction action plan, and held many successful environmental events including well-attended arbour days. April and Thorren were invited and encouraged to continue to participate as a public member in ongoing LEAB initiatives.

**OPEN
DISCUSSION**

X. OPEN DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

XI. ADJOURMENT

46/2020

Motion: it was **Moved** by Sheila Ruddy to adjourn the meeting at 8:29 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

XII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on January 12, 2021

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Chairperson



Recording Secretary