

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JANUARY 11, 2022
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REGULAR MINUTES Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 11, 2022 via Virtual Microsoft Teams, Leduc, AB.

PRESENT: Councillor Lars Hansen
Councillor Ryan Pollard
Benjamin McDonald
Jennifer Roach
Wendy Yule
Lynne Chalmers
Mindy Paradis
Ngaire Nix

WITH REGRETS: Sheila Ruddy
Brittany Onysyk

ALSO PRESENT: Shelby Lowe – City Representative
Jenna – City Representative
Keri Nelson – Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

I. CALL TO ORDER

Wendy Yule called the meeting to order at 7:29 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

05/2022

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was **Moved** by Jenn to approve the December 14, 2021 Agenda. With additions of Bees & Hens and Telford Lake Berms & Buffers

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

06/2022

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was **Moved by Ngaire** by to accept the amended meeting minutes of December 14, 2021 as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**SAFETY
MOMENT**

IV. SAFETY MOMENT

A. Safety on outdoor ice surfaces within the City of Leduc

- There is a map of all outdoor skating surfaces located on the City of Leduc Website
- Skating is not permitted on storm water ponds as the ponds have fluctuating water levels with potential depths that will not freeze solid.
- If enforcement services witness people on the storm water ponds, they will require people to leave or enforce fines

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V. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report

- Hope everyone had a safe Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Thank you for your presence on the board. Looking forward to another term as LEAB's Chair.

B. Council's Report

- 1st council meeting was on January 10, 2022
- Leduc Arts Foundry presented, they house a few groups inside the building; Black Gold Quilt Patch Guild and the Leduc Art Club. Thousands of volunteer hours went into this organization. They have partnerships in the community with Leduc LINKS, and the Boys and Girls Club. They are finding that participation is very high amongst the young and seniors.
- Strategic Planning Council meeting is schedule for the end of February 2022
 - City of Leduc launched a survey to gather public input on the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan. The goal is to hear from residents, the business community and all stakeholders on how they can continue to offer a high quality of life, be a caring community and contribute to a thriving region. In addition, they will be hosting two virtual sessions to help gather input from community groups, agencies, Council Advisory Boards and Committee representatives.
 - Session One: Monday January 24, from 12 to 2:30 p.m.
 - Session Two: Wednesday January 26, from 6 to 8:30 p.m.
 - Once approved, the 2023-2026 Strategic Plan will be a guiding document for Leduc and will identify areas of focus, strategies and performance measures that will help the City of Leduc meet the needs of the community.
 - <https://www.leduc.ca/StrategicPlanSurvey>
- Follow up to the Dark Skies initiative in regards to connecting Doug to the Rep. Lars had connected Dylan from the Leduc Rep with Doug. Lars has yet to hear an update from Doug
- E scooter survey ended January 10, 2022

REPORTS

Action Keri to send out the link for Strategic Plan Survey - Done

C. Administration's Report

- Christmas Bird count from Andy Tait was presented. The results came in with 606 individual birds, 30 species and 14 participants which is much lower than usual. Andy reported these statistics to the Leduc Rep. An article likely will be featured in next week's edition.

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- Kelly from Planning will be attending the February meeting to speak about Planning and Development standards around Telford lake

VI. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

**APPROVAL OF
REPORTS
07/2022**

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

MOTION CARRIED

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Coal Policy – Update

- On December 29, 2021; the AB Energy Minister Sonia Savage, announced she had received 2 reports from the government appointed Coal Policy Committee; one which summarized public input and a second report containing recommendations for a new AB Coal Policy. The reports have not yet been released to the public. A spokesperson from Savage's office says the documents will only be released to the public once it has conducted a proper review.

B. Single Use Plastics – Update

- Waiting to see what is happening with the Federal Government
- Interesting article was published about unintended consequences against cups and bags

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

ACTION: Lars to send out article

<https://www.canada.ca/en/environment-climate-change/news/2021/12/government-of-canada-moving-forward-with-banning-harmful-single-use-plastics0.html>

- Homeless man has to have extra change to now pay for the cup
McDonalds is charging 40 cents on every order. No option to use reusable cup. See the 2 articles below in regards to what is currently happening in Vancouver

[Vancouver's new takeout packaging fees have an outsized impact on homeless people, charity says \(yahoo.com\)](https://www.vancouverisawesome.com/opinion/vancouver-charging-for-paper-bags-4923497)

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- Subcommittee will keep monitoring and will update board

C. Spraying fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides in Leduc – Sub-group update

- Sub Committee meeting January 18, 2022
- Committee will provide an update to the board at the February 2022 meeting

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Action: Keri Send Ryan Invite - Done

D. Green House Gas Plan/CEIP Update

- Question was asked about the E-Scooter Survey; engagement was low at last meeting has there been more engagement?
 - No final numbers on survey as of yet, as of December 13 there were 820 survey responses recorded. Survey ended on January 10, 2022

Action: Shelby will get results to share at next meeting

E. Dark Skies

- Doug Hube has written many Dark Skies articles he will be speaking with AI from the Leduc radio station 93.1 FM
- Doug also has been connected with Dylan from the Leduc Rep in regards to an article being published in the paper.

F. Bees and Hens

- 1 fully licensed participant has 4 hens. No participants for bees.
- Advertising this year will be social media updates and articles in the paper to reach a few different audiences, reminding residents the pilot is still here and readily available to residents. There has been lots of engagement, lots of calls and emails but no one has signed up; perhaps the uncertainty of the pandemic and financial strains play a role.
- Other communities had significant uptake in their pilots pre-pandemic.
- Pilot is limited to 5 residents to participate in the hens and 5 participants in the bees
- Bees come from New Zealand, shipping has been an issue in getting bees to Canada due to Covid-19
- Pilot project ends February 1, 2023
- LEAB suggested connecting the 1 participant with the Rep, Local radio station to hear about her experience with her hens and to promote the pilot
- New Podcast in the City of Leduc, may be beneficial to get the information out that way <https://www.tarahflynn.com/inside-leduc/>

Action: Keri Send email out to list of subscribers

Action: Jenna find out if New Zealand is shipping bees to Canada and how long shipping times are

Action: Jenna find out if the participant would be willing to do an interview on her hens

Action: Shelby Clarification on extensions: Does it have to go back to Council

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G. Telford Lake Berms and Buffers

- Subcommittee members received the 3 reports
- Kelly from the Planning department will be joining the meeting in February to discuss the development around Telford.
- LEAB Board members if you have any questions please send them to Shelby. Shelby will forward them to Kelly in advance so all questions can be answered in a timely fashion when she presents to the board on February 8, 2022

ACTION: Keri – Send 3 documents to Ryan

**NEW
BUSINESS**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. City of Leduc Covid-19 Request

- Please send all Covid-19 Immunization records with barcode to Jeri Wolfe by January 19, 2022 jwolfe@leduc.ca

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION

A. Winnipeg company is offering a different way to hit the ice this winter.

- Spark Rentals is renting out ice bikes designed for frozen lakes, ponds, and rivers.
- The company has three models of ice bikes; a classic version with a skate blade at the front and a regular tire at the rear, a bike similar to a tricycle with two skate blades at the front and a large fat tire in the rear, and a tandem side-by-side model.

**OPEN
DISCUSSION**

B. Pronghorn Fencing Project

- Project initiated by Alberta Fish and Game Association (AFGA)
- Even though Pronghorns have the ability to jump fences like deer, they would tend to crawl underneath the bottom wire (of wire fences)
 - When it's too low, fences become barriers to their movement and a lot of the times when its barbed, it scrapes their back and pulls hair off of it. As a result, the pronghorns can get frost bite on their backs and on their necks.
 - The goal of the project is to work with landowners to raise the bottom wire (of wire fences) to 46cm and, when it's barbed, replace it with double stranded wire.
 - When the wire is raised and no longer has barbs, pronghorn are easily and safely able to pass through, while ranch animals, such as cattle and horses are still contained.
- The project not only helps to protect Alberta's existing pronghorn population; it also comes with no cost to landowners.

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- The AFGA raises funds to purchase all of the materials and then AFGA staff and volunteers do a fencing weekend where they tack up the wire for landowners.

- C. Wendy and Sheila have been working on the PowerPoint presentation for council.
- PowerPoint was shared and discussed.
 - Shelby will have the final council report prepared on January 13, 2022. Board members please send any additions or feedback before then.

Motion: it was **Moved** by Lynn for approval of the PowerPoint presentation to be presented at the February council meeting.

X. FUTURE TOPICS

A. ICI, Multi-Unit and Industrial Pilot

FUTURE TOPICS

- Findings from the 2021 pilot project with existing Multi-Unit (MU) and Industrial, Commercial and Institutional (ICI) developments, suggest that further education and regulatory mechanisms may be required to support successful waste diversion for these sectors. Land Use Bylaw changes in 2022 are recommended to optimize space for waste diversion at new developments, and future Waste Bylaw updates, are recommended to require diversion. Stakeholder engagement is recommended to build support for future changes to the Waste Bylaw
- LEAB is very supportive of what the City of Leduc and ICI is doing

B. Citizens of Distinctions Nomination

- Deadline February 4, 2022
- Potential nominations for LEAB this year is the Leduc Coop Grocery Store and Leduc Lions with the Solar Panel project.
- Shelby, Wendy and Lynne to work together on the applications.

ADJOURNMENT

08/2022

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: it was **Moved** by Mindy to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

MOTION CARRIED

XII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on February 8, 2022 at Telford Street Boardroom



Chair

Keri Nelson

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Recording Secretary