

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
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REGULAR MINUTES Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held Tuesday, October 13, 2020 GoToMeeting, Leduc, AB

PRESENT: Councillor Glen Finstad
Sheila Ruddy
Jennifer Roach
Wendy Yule
Lynne Chalmers
April Ziegler
Brittany Onysyk
Thorren Koopmans

WITH REGRETS: Councillor Lars Hansen
Benjamin McDonald

ALSO PRESENT: Kerra Chomlak – City Representative
Shelby Lowe - Environmental Project Manager
Shirley Weslosky – Recording Secretary
Juanita Marinus – Leduc Resident

CALL TO ORDER

I. CALL TO ORDER

Sheila Ruddy called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was **Moved** by Thorren Koopmans to approve the October 13, 2020 agenda as presented.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

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III. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Motion: It was **Moved** by Lynne Chalmers to accept the regular meeting minutes of September 8, 2020 as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

IV. SAFETY MOMENT

- Be cautious when walking alone in Leduc, there are a lot of comments lately on social media about individuals on our multiway that have made some residents feel uncomfortable. If you are out later at night when it is dark be aware of your surroundings, walk with friends, stay on a path you know.

REPORTS

V. REPORTS

- A. Chairman's Report
- No Update

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B. Council Report

- City of Leduc has a mask bylaw in place. The COVID - 19 cases have increased to 16 people this week.
- The Federal Government is coming out with a single use plastic ban by 2021.
- Councillor Finstad met with MLA Turton from Spruce Grove and he is intending to put forward a private member's motion supporting EPR this fall.
- There will be a zero percent tax increase in 2021 for Leduc Residents.
- Councillor Finstad met with MLA Rutherford at a round table they are looking into economic development options.
- Councillor Finstad attended the Alberta CARE fall Conference that was held in September at Pincher Creek, AB.

C. Administration's Report

- The three-year term membership is up in December, 2020. Members Thorren Koopmans, Jennifer Roach, and April Ziegler may extend their term or resign from their position on the board. The City of Leduc will be filling these positions if they do not want to continue on the board.

**APPROVAL OF
REPORTS**

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**INFORMATION
ITEM**

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

VI. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

MOTION CARRIED

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- LEAB discussed how to streamline meetings and keep everyone engaged in the virtual environment. One idea was to send out information in advance to share something. It was clarified that LEAB members are not required to share information in the roundtable.
- An ecology and urban planning professor is challenging Toronto's long grass and weed bylaw to save her natural garden full of tall shrubs and trees, as well as butterflies and chipmunks.

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Pollinator Garden Challenge – Update

- Ten City of Leduc residents entered the pollinator garden challenge this year.
- Four residents won bee hotels for having a pollinator garden.

B. Single Use Plastics – Update

- Wait and see what happens with the Federal Government ban.
- LEAB would like to postpone this item until January, but still receive updates on the agenda as they come in.

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- C. Spraying fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides in Leduc – Sub-group update.
- LEAB has concerns around the frequency of spraying in Leduc.
 - There is a growing number of companies spraying in Leduc.
 - What is in the chemicals, and are there health effects?
 - There is a lack of control on the number of yards that can be sprayed at any given time.
 - Companies are supposed to provide the list of chemicals for residents, but not all do.
 - There is an effect on neighbours when spraying nearby properties. Pesticides are harder on children as they play outside more often, are often on the grass/ground and therefore have more exposure to the chemicals than adults.
 - What can LEAB do to make changes in Leduc?
 - Regulators have been open about not having the resources to monitor all companies and respond thoroughly to complaints.
 - Edmonton has a pesticide exemption program – you can apply for to a restriction on spraying near your property.
 - Leduc County has no spray zones where residents can apply/ask not to have pesticides sprayed in their ditches.
 - The sub-committee would like to meet and look into what some other municipalities have done regarding spraying in their communities.
 - LEAB recommend a staged, multi year process starting with education and potentially working towards a cosmetic spraying ban in the future.
 - LEAB discussed taking this to Council in early 2021.

Action: Shirley Weslosky to set up a sub-group meeting within the next couple of weeks.

- D. Green House Gas Plan
1. Institutional, Commercial & Industrial (ICI) and Multi-Family (MF) Waste Diversion Pilot Project – Presentation by Shelby Lowe, Environmental Project Manager, City of Leduc.
 - ICI and MF contribute twice as much waste to the landfill than residential.
 - Some ICI and MF have established collection with private haulers, only a handful of small businesses are City cart collection.
 - Council approved a ICI and MF Waste Diversion Pilot Project (budget in 2021).
 - MF: 41% have recycling collection, 11% have organics collection.
 - ICI: 79% have recycling collection, 11% have organics collection.

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- The objective for the pilot project is to increase diversion from the ICI and MF and reduce GHG emissions.
- Working with the planning department to optimize **space** for three stream sorting in all **new** ICI and MF buildings via the Land Use Bylaw.

2. Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP)

- The Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP), formerly Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program that helps residents make energy efficient upgrades to their properties without the high upfront cost. The program allows for the cost of the upgrade to be recovered through the owner's property taxes and at a low interest rate.
- The GHG sub-group will take this project on and look at the draft bylaw to bring back to LEAB meeting in November.
- Based on the city's participation in previous Energy Efficiency Alberta projects there is interest from residents and contractors to complete projects in Leduc. They are estimating about 30 Leduc projects will apply for the program per year.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

Action: Kerra Chomlak will look into how to demonstrate LEAB members' interest in CEIP projects to support the grant application.

Action: Shirley Weslosky to set up a sub-group meeting next week to review draft CEIP bylaw.

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Discussion to hold November meeting in person.
- LEAB would like to have a virtual meeting in November and look at options for a December meeting.
- B. Community Information Event
- This event will be held on Facebook from October 19 – 23, 2020. The City of Leduc will open a Facebook Event titled "Virtual Community Information Event."
 - LEAB will have a page for this event.

**OPEN
DISCUSSION**

X. OPEN DISCUSSION

- No update

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ADJOURNMENT

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XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: it was **Moved** by Sheila Ruddy to adjourn the meeting at 9:02 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

XII. NEXT MEETING November 10, 2020

Chairperson



Recording Secretary