

LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
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REGULAR MINUTES Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at the City of Leduc, Civic Centre, Telford Street Board Room, #1 Alexandra Park, 46 Avenue & 48A Street, Leduc, Alberta

PRESENT: Katie Oliver
Councillor Glen Finstad
Jill Mitchell
Douglas Hube
Brad Beesley
Cory Kartz
Sheila Ruddy

WITH REGRETS: Jaimee Dupont Morozoff
Councillor Beverly Beckett
Tyler Dekok
Madeline Robbenhaar

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 6:58 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA
09/2017**

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was Moved by Doug Hube to approve the February 7, 2017 agenda as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
10/2017**

III. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Motion: It was Moved by Jill Mitchell to accept the organizational meeting minutes of January 10, 2017 as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

Motion: It was Moved by Doug Hube to accept the regular meeting minutes of January 10, 2017 as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

IV. REPORTS

Chairman's Report

- April 27, 2017 is the Volunteer Appreciation Banquet.
- The City of Leduc is one of three finalists for the Canadian Sport Tourism Alliance's "Sustainable Sport of the Year" PRESTIGE Award for the Alberta Summer Games (ASG), held in 2016. This award will be presented in Ottawa on March 21, 2017.
- Katie Oliver brought in three articles;

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- City of Winnipeg is recommending a food council; they are exploring ways to improve existing community gardens while finding ways to add new ones.
- Kamloops to become B.C.'s first Bee City.
- Three dark skies articles were distributed to the board mentioning reclaiming the night sky, astronomers encourage cities to shield outdoor lighting and images show Flagstaff's dark skies success.

Council's Report

- Alberta CARE Spring Seminar will be held in Olds February 22, 2017 – February 24, 2017.
- The City of Leduc and the Leduc County are hosting the Alberta CARE conference September 6 to 8, 2017. LEAB members interested in attending should let Kerra Chomlak know.
- Glen Finstad and Andy Tait are the City of Leduc's official champions for Canada 150 celebrations. If any LEAB members know of any events that are going on, they should let Glen Finstad know and he will attend to speak to the Canada 150 celebration.
- The Leduc Wild Life Conservation Society (LWLCS) Chairman Andy Tait is interested in attending the pollinator garden and tree planting with LEAB.
- The Leduc Wild Life Conservation Society will be holding a bee pollinating workshop at the library. The time and date will be given to LEAB members once it is finalized.
- When promotion of backyard beekeeping and urban hens went to Council, they were not in favor of hens, but LEAB was encouraged to continue to promote the idea of pollinator gardens and report back to Council.
- Community Peace Officers do a weed pull once a year in Leduc; LEAB is interested in attending the event.

Action: Shirley Weslosky to contact CPOs to find out if they are organizing a weed pulling event this year and will let LEAB know the date.

Administration's Report

- Rona Green and Gold Event is tentatively set for Saturday, May 27, 2017.
- Arbour Day is Saturday, May 13, 2017. LEAB would like to invite the Leduc Scouts and Leduc Girl Guides to Arbour Day.
- The City of Leduc is applying for an Emerald Award for the solar projects at the LRC and Operations building.
- Andy Tait is hosting a Christmas bird count slide show on Sunday, February 26, 2017 at 1:30 p.m. presented at St. Pauls Anglican Church, 4416 – 50 Street, Leduc. LEAB agreed to have their logo on the advertisement for social media.
- The Leduc Conservation Wildlife Society asked if we could give a support letter for Andy Tait as they are going to apply for the Individual Hometown Heroes Award for a \$5,000.00 grant. The funds must be applied to a local community project. If successful, Andy has

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committed to spend the funds on a tree planting or pollinator garden project in Leduc.

Action: LEAB to review the support letter for Andy Tait by email.

Action: Kerra Chomlak to Invite Andy Tait to the LEAB meeting in March or April.

**APPROVAL OF
REPORTS**

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V. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Motion: It was Moved by Jill Mitchell to approve the above noted reports for information purposes only.

MOTION CARRIED

**INFORMATION
ITEM**

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS
None

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Citizens of Distinction Environmental Achievement Award 2017

Action: Kerra Chomlak will connect Natasha Albanese and Sheila Ruddy by email. Sheila is inquiring when the meeting will be held.

B. Southfork Community Gardens Report (letter)

- LEAB approved the Community Garden letter to be presented to Council. A motion will be made at the March meeting.

C. Light Pollution Abatement

- January 26, 2017 Doug Hube, Kerra Chomlak and Shawn Olson had a meeting to discuss the Fortis streetlight LED retrofit project, which is scheduled for the fall. Kerra had asked Rachel deVos with Alberta Urban Municipalities Association to address the issue considering Fortis retrofits are planned in many municipalities in Alberta. Doug reported that Fortis's latest correspondence indicated that they had 4000K lighting in stock and planned to install them, and when they are gone they will be using the 3000K. Calgary and Edmonton are committed to the 3000K lighting. Data has been collected globally on temperature of LED lighting and there is a movement towards 3000K or cooler.

Action: Kerra Chomlak will talk with Leduc's Intergovernmental Affairs department and see if she can get a resolution with AUMA, and possibly AAMDC.

D. Telford Community Garden Plots (LEAB pollinator garden)

- City of Leduc department of Public Services is excited that LEAB would like to plant a pollinator garden and suggest the planting area to be between the Telford multiway and the Telford community gardens.
- Public Services is willing to help LEAB with permanent signage, and purchasing fruity, flowering pollinator-friendly plants.
- It was suggested that the planting take place the evening of June 5, 2017, to celebrate World Environment Day
- CIB is interested in helping plant the pollinator garden with LEAB.

Action: Kerra Chomlak will check on funding for the pollinator planting and whether there is any grants or promotions associated with the Canada 150 celebration.

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E. Million pollinator garden challenge

Katie Oliver had presented this idea to the Communities in Bloom group and they were supportive. The City of Kamloops is very focused on backyard beekeeping.

Action: Katie Oliver will look at presenting this to Council for their consideration.

F. Bird Count update – December 18, 2016

- Twenty six people participated in the bird count. The stats were compiled by Andy Tait. Results will be presented to the public by Andy on Sunday, Feb 26 at St. Paul's Anglican Church at 1:30 pm.

NEW BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. The ASG Sustainability Torch Passing

- The City of Leduc will be passing the sustainability torch on to Grand Prairie, AB in 2018. LEAB should provide input on the type of "torch". There is support for a similar commemorative bench with flowers, and it should include pollinator-friendly species.

Action: Sheila Ruddy will contact the Michelle Gardiner in Grand Prairie, AB and see if she has any ideas for the torch.

B. Urban Beekeeping Policy & Urban Hen Keeping

- LEAB will review the beekeeping pilot projects that were in Edmonton and put it on the agenda at the end of September.
- Andy Tait with the Leduc Wildlife Conservation Society is having a beekeeping workshop in the Leduc Library in May 2017.

Action: Shirley Weslosky is to let members know when the workshop will be held and see if it is possible to advertise this for Andy Tait.

C. LEAB budget for 2017

- LEAB budget for 2017 is \$7200.00

Action: Shirley Weslosky to send out the professional development policy to LEAB members.

- LEAB agreed to discontinue the \$50 spacing magazine, and move the \$50 into conferences.
- Take \$1000.00 dollars out of the pollinator gardens and move it into conferences.
- LEAB would like to support two members to attend the Alberta CARE conference in the fall if possible.

D. Arbour Day Tree Planting May 13, 2017

Tree planting will take place south of Caledonia Park School on Coady Boulevard, May 13, 2017. This area was recommended by the Public Services Parks department to enhance the current naturalized area on the south side of the hill, and make a connection to the pond and tree stand.

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E. Topics for Council Presentation

- Council LEAB board meeting dates being considered are May 8th or 23rd.
- Urban Bee Keeping
- Pollinator gardens
- Dark Skies and streetlights in Leduc
- LEAB would like the July 1 Foam Run to be a sustainable event.
- ASG torch

Action: Kerra Chomlak will bring a draft Power Point to the next meeting.

OPEN DISCUSSION

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION

Action: Kerra Chomlak to check with Andy Tait if the Leduc Wildlife Conservation Society are doing anything for Pitch in Week.

ADJOURNMENT

X. ADJOURNMENT

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Motion: it was Moved by Jill Mitchell to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Chairperson



Recording Secretary

