

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
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REGULAR MINUTES Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 10, 2017 at the Best Western Plus Denham Inn & Suites, Terrace Room 5207-50 Avenue, Leduc, AB

PRESENT: Katie Oliver
Jaimee Dupont Morozoff
Councillor Beverly Beckett
Jill Mitchell
Douglas Hube
Brad Beesley
Cory Kartz
Sheila Ruddy

WITH REGRETS: Tyler Dekok
Madeline Robbenhaar

ALSO PRESENT: Kerra Chomlak – City Representative
Shawn Olson– City of Leduc Director, Engineering
Shirley Weslosky – Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

I. CALL TO ORDER

Katie Oliver called the meeting to order at 7:18 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA
05/2017**

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was Moved by Beverly Beckett to approve the January 10, 2017 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 December 13, 2016 as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

IV. REPORTS

Chairman's Report

- Katie Oliver brought in two articles from the REP paper;
 - Andy Tait wrote an article on how naturalization applies to our region.
 - Telford Lake boardwalk extension is in progress. There will be a walkway eventually going around all of Telford Lake.
- Tips on how to conserve water at home.
- How everyday people can cut energy consumption.
- Katie also gave the board tips on effective participation in boards and responsibilities of board members.
Action: Katie will forward board members more information regarding a board member responsibilities.

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Council's Report

- Orientation Session is January 17, 2017 1:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. at the Civic Centre. All LEAB members are encouraged to attend.
- Beverley Beckett let board members know that she has attended Toast Masters and has found this to be very rewarding and can help develop effective public speaking and leadership skills. Beverly Beckett mentioned that this is a very good club to join as this teaches participants to think on their feet, and meeting procedures. Anyone that is interested in attending Toast Masters they can contact Beverly Beckett.

Administration's Report

- The LEAB Budget was discussed with a total of \$7,200.00 for the 2017 year budget.
- LEAB members were encouraged to look into Professional Development courses. LEAB does have some money in the budget to have their members attend different courses. If any LEAB members are interested in attending a course, bring it to the February meeting for discussion during the LEAB budget.
- June 5, 2017 is World Environment Day.
- June 5, 2017 there will also be a City of Leduc grade 4 presentation with Peter Puffin at the Maclab Centre for the Performing Arts in Leduc.
- At the February meeting we will discuss City events that will take place in 2017 such as;
 - Green & Gold compost giveaways.
 - Nature walks in 2017 for Canada's 150th Anniversary.
- An Environmentally Sensitive Areas Study open house will be held in Leduc; the date is tentatively set for March 13, 2017.
- September 6-8, 2017 Alberta Care Conference will be held in Leduc
 - LEAB would like to look at sponsoring a youth to attend the Alberta Care Conference.
- Arbour Day tree planting location will be presented at the next LEAB meeting. The date is tentatively set for May 13, 2017. Consideration will be given to the Leduc grade 12 graduation dates.
- Jaimee Dupont Morozoff is interested in joining a sub-committee to see what the success rate is on the previous tree planting, and then putting a power point together for LEAB. If you are interested in joining Jaimee please let her know.
- The Sustainability Torch for the 2018 games, should come out of the City of Leduc budget. A pollinator garden was a suggestion for a torch. LEAB will bring this forward at a future meeting. If anyone has any ideas for a sustainability torch they can bring them to the LEAB meeting.
- The community will be informed about the solar panels that were placed at the LRC. Kerra Chomlak would like to put together a solar panel display at the LRC.
- LEAB presentation to Council will be in March 2017.
- Kerra passed a book around to LEAB members that the City of Leduc is featured in. This book is called, "Cities Adapt to Extreme Heat" celebrating local leadership. The book outlines all the extreme weather

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and hydration planning that the City of Leduc achieved during the summer games.

- The Greenhouse gas inventory project is kicking off this year.

**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

- Nature Conservancy Canada calendar was shown to LEAB members anyone wanting this calendar can contact Jaimee.

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Storm Water Quality and Monitoring

The City of Leduc is one community among many in the North Saskatchewan Watershed and as such must work to ensure stewardship of the watershed. The 2012 City of Leduc Environmental Plan identifies a vision to “embrace best practices for stormwater management”, and an action item to “develop an integrated stormwater management plan for the community and support the development of targets for stormwater performance for new development”.

- Alberta Environmental Protection’s “Stormwater Management Guidelines for the Province of Alberta” outline Minimum Quality Standards: Storm outfalls without due consideration for water quality improvement shall not be allowed. Stormwater management techniques to improve water quality shall be included to effect a minimum of 85% removal of sediments of particle size 75 um or greater. Additional quality management measures shall be required, based on site-specific conditions.
- An Engineering standard update is currently underway.

B. Citizen of Distinction Environmental Achievement Award 2017

- LEAB discussed nominating a board member for the nomination committee. Sheila Ruddy has volunteered to be on the nomination committee and Jill Mitchell offered to be her alternate.
- Thursday, April 22, 2017 is date for the Volunteer appreciation Banquet.
- LEAB members will submit nomination forms for outstanding environmental achievement. Suggestions included the co-chairs of the summer games sustainability committee Katie Oliver and Pamela Goertzen, as well as Jay-co Trailers.

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NEW BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Southfork Community Gardens Report

- The gardens have been left in place for 2017.
- The City of Leduc has paid for the insurance for gardeners in 2017.
- This will continue as a pilot project for one more year.
- LEAB would like to see the City of Leduc's planning stages for a garden in the west end of Leduc.

ACTION: Kerra will send LEAB members the draft report and the LEAB letter for approval at the next meeting. Initial comments on the revised letter were positive.

B. Light Pollution Abatement

- Light pollution abatement communities usually carry the 4000K LED lights in their light stands, these are the lights that Fortis has selected. Doug Hube suggested that the City of Leduc have a policy and bylaw in place for replacing lights in Leduc on private and business properties. The lights that he suggested are cooler LED lights 2200K as they are energy efficient and better for the human eye.
- Chicago is changing all of their lights and are going with 2200K.
- The City of Leduc is in discussion with Fortis on the changing of lights in Leduc, and what kind of LED lights they will be changing too.
- LED are more efficient and have a much longer life.
- How many complaints do we get about the new lights from residents?
- Sub group will meet on the draft bylaw and report back to LEAB at the February meeting.

ACTION: Shawn and Kerra will confirm what type of LED lights Fortis has currently installed in Leduc street light fixtures.

C. Telford Community Garden Plots (LEAB pollinator garden)

- The community gardens at Telford Lake are full right now, some may become available in March. If there are community garden plots available, Leduc residents will be able to purchase them online at Leduc.ca on March 6, 2017.
- The cost for a full plot is \$25.00 and a half plot is \$12.50.

D. Bird Count update – December 18, 2016

- Kerra is waiting for the final data, but initial numbers are: 19 participants for the winter bird count; number of birds counted on December 18, 2016 was 493 different species.
- The black cat chickadee was one of the top birds seen and lots of sparrows.
- Kerra Chomlak will look into Peavey Mart's support on advertising the June Bird Count.

E. Million pollinator garden challenge

- Meeting with Communities in Bloom and discussing this with them on January 11, 2017.
- LEAB is interested in providing native seeds to the community.

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- LEAB suggested planting pollinator gardens on Arbour Day at the tree planting.

F. LEAB Board/Committees Orientation Session, January 17 at 1:00 p.m. in the Civic Centre, Council Chambers.

- The LEAB members will RSVP by January 12, 2017 to Shirley Weslosky whether they are attending.

OPEN DISCUSSION

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION
None.

ADJOURNMENT

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X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: it was Moved by Jaimee Dupont Morozoff to adjourn the meeting at 8:58 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED



Chairperson



Recording Secretary