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REGULAR MEETING  
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**REGULAR MINUTES** Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 12, 2021 via GoToMeeting, Leduc, AB.

**PRESENT:** Councillor Lars Hansen  
Sheila Ruddy  
Benjamin McDonald  
Jennifer Roach  
Wendy Yule  
Brittany Onysyk  
Lynne Chalmers  
Mindy Paradis  
Ngairé Nix

**WITH REGRETS:** Kerra Chomlak – City Representative

**ALSO PRESENT:** Shelby Lowe – City Representative  
Shirley Weslosky – Recording Secretary  
Juanita Marinus – Leduc Resident at 7:30 p.m.  
Joanne Koopmans – Leduc Resident at 7:30 p.m.

**CALL TO ORDER**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Wendy Yule called the meeting to order at 7:32 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA  
05/2021**

**II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

There is a change to the Unfinished Business item B - Spraying fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides in Leduc. There will be no presentation only an update.

**Motion:** It was **Moved** by Sheila Ruddy to approve the January 12, 2021 agenda as amended.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES  
06/2021**

**III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**SAFETY  
MOMENT**

**IV. SAFETY MOMENT**

- New Year Resolutions – Some people make New Year resolutions; Try to challenge yourself this year and make changes to your work place, where safety is a concern. Set a goal that you want to set for a new year's resolution such as a work life balance.

**REPORTS**

**V. REPORTS**

A. Chairman's Report

- No Update
- Sheila brought to LEAB an article about The University of Alberta will become Western Canada's only university with a dark sky preserve

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observatory when it opens its new facility in Miquelon Lake Provincial Park. The Hesje Observatory will allow stargazers from the public, local schools, as well as U of A students and researchers to take advantage of its dark sky location. If you would like to read the article you can google U of A dark sky CTV news. <https://edmonton.ctvnews.ca/u-of-a-dark-sky-observatory-to-be-a-first-in-western-canada-1.5262037>

- LEAB are interested in knowing more about the Leduc County Environment Ambassador Program. There could be some initiatives that they can collaborate with LEAB.

**Action:** Kerra/Shelby look into the Leduc County Ambassador and see what they are working on.

B. Council's Report

- The (CEIP) Clean Energy Improvement Program has passed the first reading, there are two more readings to be brought to council before it is approved.

Councillor Hansen state that this year is going to be a good year for environmental success and is excited about these 2021 projects.

- Hens and Bees pilot project
- Business and multi-family (ICI/MF) recycling and organics diversion project

C. Administration's Report

- LEAB has joined sub-committees for different projects that they are working on. The new LEAB members are welcome to join any committee they are interested in.
- The pilot project for the ICI/MF will start in 2021 and LEAB will be a stakeholder. Previous LEAB member Katie Oliver is willing to lead the stakeholder group.
- The GHG (CEIP) Clean Energy Improvement Program public hearing is April 12, 2021 at 7:00 p.m.
- Wet lands in the North Telford area is now complete. There will be planting in late spring 2021.
- LEAB's budget is \$7,600.00 for 2021. The budget will be discussed further at the next LEAB meeting.

**APPROVAL OF  
REPORTS  
07/2021**

**VI. APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**INFORMATION  
ITEM**

**VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- Recycling Council of Alberta (RCA) has a webinar on Extended Producer Responsibility – Back to Basics on January 26, 2021. LEAB members are welcome to attend, but they must send Shirley the information and costs associated with the webinar for approval. If anyone attends the webinar they are asked to bring back information to LEAB. Mindy will attend the webinar and bring back a report. Lynne Chalmers is also interested in attending.

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**Action:** LEAB were all in agreement to take information item off of the agenda. They would like to leave on open discussion at the end of the meeting.

**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.
  - Draft regulation is expected to come out in 2021 and implemented by 2023.
  - Administration will continue to see what other municipalities are doing.
- B. Spraying fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides in Leduc – Sub-group update
- Sub-group presentation was cancelled deferred until the next meeting.
  - Tracey Tobin, Climate Action and Energy Officer from the City of Burnaby will be presenting at the meeting tomorrow night at 7:00 p.m.

Juanita left the meeting at 8:09 p.m.

- C. Green House Gas Plan
- Priority was the (CEIP) Clean Energy Improvement Program going to Council for first reading.
  - Reduce the use of cars in Leduc by encouraging residents to use bikes through education in the City of Leduc.
  - Bringing in different waste cart sizes with different costs associated in the City of Leduc.
- D. Dark Skies
- LEAB would like to form a sub-group committee for Dark Skies.
  - Kerra will invite Doug Hube and the new President, Rod Mc Connell of the Dark Skies Association of Alberta
  - Doug had identified a list of Business in Leduc with non-dark sky friendly light fixtures that could be easily remedied – LEAB sub-group to write educational letters that can be shared
  - Joanne Koopmans, Sheila Ruddy, Lynne Chalmers, Brittany Onysyk, Jennifer Roach, Ngaire Nix, Doug Hube, Rod Mc Connell.

**Action:** Sheila and Kerra to put together a letter on tips for businesses on Dark Skies.

- E. Citizen of Distinction Award
- The City of Leduc does not require a LEAB member to sit on the Board for the Citizen of Distinction Awards this year as they will be doing a virtual award ceremony presenting to the 2019 winners.
  - Doug Hube won the 2019 LEAB Environmental Award and will be presented the award virtually.

**NEW  
BUSINESS**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

- A. Bees and Hens pilot project update
- This pilot project will be launching in 2021.
  - Applications will be accepted from February 1-February 15 - The pilot project will be for 2 years. The City of Leduc will be accepting 5

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participants for hens and 5 participants for bees, they will be selected by March 1, 2021.

- Applicants can do the training online to have hens or bees in their back yard.

**B. Christmas Bird Count – Results**

- The totals for the 2020 bird count were;  
Individual birds 1255  
Bird species 32  
Total participants 27
- LEAB noted that Bird feeders were placed along the multi-way in North Telford Lions Park.

**Action:** Shirley Weslosky will check with the City of Leduc Parks Department and see if they are feeding the birds in North Telford.

**C. Pollinator Garden Challenge**

- Form a sub-group committee for Pollinator Garden Challenge.
- Sub-committee will be Lynne Chalmers, Jennifer Roach, Sheila Ruddy, Wendy Yule.

**Action:** Wendy Yule will Invite Communities in Bloom to participate in the challenge.

**D. LEAB Priorities Strategic Planning**

- Hens and Bees pilot project
- Single use plastics
- Business and multi-family (ICI/MF) recycling and organics diversion
- Urban tree removal and replacement policy/bylaw
- Pesticide policy
- Green House Gas reduction
- Pollinator Garden Challenge
- Dark Skies
- Municipal Election is Survey to candidates what they think about environmental issues.

**Action:** This will be reviewed by LEAB at the February meeting.

**Review Key Event Dates for 2021**

- Volunteer Fair – March (Sheila and Wendy)
- Chamber Business Expo – April
- Arbour Day – May
- Spring Bird Count – May 31- June 6
- Grade Four Theatre Production – May 31
- Fall Community Registration day – August
- Pollinator Garden Challenge Celebration – September
- Festival of Trees – November
- Christmas Bird Count – December

**OPEN  
DISCUSSION**

**X. OPEN DISCUSSION**

- Mindy is interested in (Pitch in Week) spring cleanup.

**Action:** Shirley Weslosky will send information to Mindy on Pitch in Week.

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- LEAB are interested in a tour for the GFL recycling facility and the city of Leduc Eco Station.

**Action:** Kerra will check into tours for LEAB

- Can residents pay Terra Cycle to pay for disposing their recycling?

**Action:** Kerra Chomlak will look into options for residents to recycle more items, and get back to LEAB.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**08/2021**

**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** it was **Moved** by Jennifer Roach to adjourn the meeting at 9:04 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEXT MEETING**

**XII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on February 9, 2021



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Chairperson



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Recording Secretary