

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
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REGULAR MINUTES Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held Tuesday, June 8, 2021 via GoToMeeting, Leduc, AB.

PRESENT:

Sheila Ruddy
Benjamin McDonald
Wendy Yule
Lynne Chalmers
Ngairé Nix
Jennifer Roach
Councillor Lars Hansen

WITH REGRETS:

Brittany Onysyk
Mindy Paradis

ALSO PRESENT:

Shelby Lowe – City Representative
Shirley Weslosky – Recording Secretary
Juanita Marinus – Leduc Resident

CALL TO ORDER

I. CALL TO ORDER

Wendy Yule called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additional item added to the agenda VIII. New business – A. LWCS Report.

26/2021

Motion: It was **Moved** by Jennifer Roach to approve the June 8, 2021 agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion: It was **Moved** by Lynn Chalmers to accept the regular meeting minutes of May 11, 2021 as circulated.

27/2021

MOTION CARRIED

**SAFETY
MOMENT**

IV. SAFETY MOMENT

When going back to work after working from home for over a year make sure you are ready for driving:

- Do a routine maintenance on your vehicle including tire pressure check as it has been sitting for a while.
- When driving/commuting be extra cautious in the rain, as you can hydroplane.
- Take your winter tires off your vehicle.

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REPORTS

V. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report

- Alberta beyond coal lawn signs can be found at <https://albertabeyondcoal.ca/lawn-sign/> request a lawn sign for your front lawn.
- The One Radio interviewed Wendy for the Spring Bird count.
- Wendy sent out a thank you to Kerra Chomlak for continuing the role on the LEAB board for the past 11 years. She welcomed Shelby Lowe to the board, and looks forward to working with her.

B. Council's Report

- There was a motion passed at Council to approve additional solar panels on the LRC, at the Sobey arena. These solar panel costs will be covered 80% from a federal grant and 20% from a provincial grant.
- There have been 200 solar panels placed on the RCMP building and 40 solar panels on the ECO station building.
- Starting the first week in August – The City of Leduc will be moving to a complete on-demand service covering the entire municipality of Leduc where riders will be able to use an app or call centre to book a trip from wherever they are to wherever they need to go within the City limits. It will still be a ride share service.
- Council did not pass the bylaw for alcohol consumption in parks.

Action: Shelby will look into the LRC solar panels and see if they will be the largest in Canada or North America.

Ngaire Nix joined the meeting 7:20 p.m.

C. Administration's Report

- Shelby thanked LEAB for the warm welcome.
- Nathan Schafer has started with the City of Leduc and will be tracking the savings from solar panels, and will join the GHG sub-committee.
- Wetland planting will start this week in North Telford.
- Pesticides will be sprayed at the north end of Telford Lake this weekend. The City is spraying noxious weeds.

**APPROVAL OF
REPORTS
28/2021**

VI. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

MOTION CARRIED

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Coal Policy - Update

- Alberta government website says they are accepting technical submissions. Eight technical submissions were posted as of today. LEAB members can send an email without a technical report.

B. Spraying fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides in Leduc – Sub-committee update

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- Council meeting will be held June 28 at 5:00 pm.

Action: Shirley will send out the link to the council meeting. Wendy and Sheila will get the link to join the meeting.

- C. Green House Gas (GHG) Plan and The Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) – Update from sub-committee
 - Meeting June 15, 2021 at 12:00 pm

- D. Dark Skies – Update from sub-committee

- Presentation from Kiley Marchuk, Strathcona County was on May 18, 2021.
- Kiley explained on how the Strathcona County policy works and how the lighting is in their community.
- LEAB sub-committee would like to meet again and see what they want to do next for the education component.

Action: Shirley set up dark skies sub committee

Action: Shirley to send out the power point and hand book to the Dark Skies sub-committee.

- E. Pollinator Garden – Update

- One of the teachers from the East Elementary School emailed LEAB and was thanked them for sending the seeds to the grade four and five students.

Action: Shirley email teachers regarding the seeds to ensure they were sent out.

- F. Single Use Plastics – Update

- "plastic manufactured items" were [added to schedule 1](#) of the Canadian Environmental Protection Act (CEPA). That means they are designated as "toxic" and means the government can proceed with their plans to ban certain plastic items, require post-consumer resin content etc, without introducing new legislation.
- However, an industry group formed, called the [Responsible Plastic Use Coalition](#), and they have [announced](#) that they will be taking the federal government to court over this.
- Edmonton heard from their Council that they would like them to proceed with their bylaw and not be delayed by federal gov't or provincial EPR regulations. They had originally written in their waste reduction road map that the timing of a local bylaw would be aligned with federal and provincial regulation because they wanted their bylaw to be a backstop to those regs, but Council requested they update it to say "bylaw timing to be coordinated with, but not delayed by, the provincial Extended Producer Responsibility framework and the federal ban on specific single-use plastics."

- G. Green and Gold - Update

- RONA had 100 rain barrels in stock and sold out by May 31, 2021. There was 30 water timers in stock, and six were sold by May31, 2021.

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H. Spring Bird Count – Update

- May 30 - June 5, 2021
- Nesting signs have been placed around Telford Lake.
- Participants have until June 14 to mail/email their tally forms.
- We have 12 participants at this time.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. LWCS are looking at a bird blind and berms in the future.

- If someone is interested in joining Mindy with the LWCS they are welcome to let Shirley know.

**OPEN
DISCUSSION**

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Alberta Care Conference this year will be held in Bonnyville on September 8-10, 2021 limit of attendees will be 100. They are talking about plastic recycling, CEIP and Municipal Climate Change.
- Jennifer is planting a straw garden this year and LEAB members thought it could be fun to go see how her straw garden is doing.

X. FUTURE TOPICS

- Hens and bees pilot project
- Business and multi-family (ICI/MF) recycling and organics diversion
- Urban tree removal and replacement policy/bylaw

**ADJOURNMENT
29/2021**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: it was **Moved** by Wendy to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

XII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on September 14, 2021



Chairperson



Recording Secretary