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REGULAR MINUTES

Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at the City of Leduc, Civic Centre, Telford Street Board Room, #1 Alexandra Park, 46 Avenue & 48A Street, Leduc, Alberta

PRESENT:

Katie Oliver Jill Mitchell Douglas Hube Brad Beesley Cory Kartz Sheila Ruddy

Madeline Robbenhaar

WITH REGRETS:

Jaimee Dupont Morozoff Councillor Beverly Beckett

Tyler Dekok

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 703 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

13/2017

14/2017

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was Moved by Brad Beesley to approve the March 14, 2017 agenda as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

III. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Motion: It was **Moved** by Doug Hube to accept the regular meeting minutes of February 7, 2017 as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

IV. REPORTS

Chairman's Report

REPORTS

- Energy Efficiency Alberta (<u>www.efficiencyalberta.ca</u>) is providing Albertans with tools to save energy. They have four new programs that Albertans can sign up for;
 - Residential No-Charge Energy Savings Program
 - Residential Retail Products Program, this program offers incentives when you purchase energy-efficient appliances and other energy-saving products
 - Business, Non-Profit, and Institutional Energy Savings Program
 - Residential and Commercial Solar Program, get a rebate up to 30% of your costs

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- The yellow fish road program has volunteers painting fish symbols by storm drains to remind people that anything that enters the local storm drain system, good or bad ends up in their water.
- Article on EPA grant aids in development of pollinator gardens they gave one city a grant to produce a pollinator garden to educate people about a water conservation program.
- Cedar Breaks designated as an International Dark Sky Park located in Utah. The Province of Saskatchewan is promoting their province as a dark sky province. The grass lands are the darkest skies in Canada.

Council's Report

- Beverly sends her regrets as she is attending the public hearing on the Sanders Lake ASP.
- This October is an election year, and Mayor Greg Krischke will not be running in this election.
- May 8 or May 23 LEAB will be doing a presentation to Council meeting in Council Chamber at the Civic Centre

Administration's Report

- Southfork Community garden will be proceeding with gardening this year. There will be an evaluation in September.
- Urban-LEDs: Cities in Action book was shown to LEAB members they are welcome to read a copy as Kerra Chomlak has extra.
- An Integrated Pest Management work shop is being hosted in Leduc March 21, 2017 for several municipalities.
- Greenhouse gas inventory is coming along this will be brought up again at the April meeting.
- Solar interviews have been done with the Leduc Rep and the landfill is looking at solar panels.
- Environmental Progress Report is almost completed and will be emailed to LEAB members

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

V. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

15/2017

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

MOTION CARRIED

INFORMATION ITEM

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

A question was raised about whether the Vistas close to Beaumont at one time had promoted themselves as a green development.

Action: Kerra Chomlak will look into this and come back to LEAB with more information.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Citizens of Distinction Environmental Achievement Award 2017

 Winners will be contacted next week there were a lot of really good candidates.

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B. Light Pollution Abatement

- A draft copy of the light efficiency policy has been produced.
- It would be good if AUMA could get the message out to all municipalities.

Action: Kerra Chomlak will contact Fortis and ask when they will be moving to 3000k stock.

Action: Work on policy with Doug and set up meeting with Shawn Olson, Kerra Chomlak and Doug Hube.

C. Telford Pollinator Garden Planting Event June 5, 2017 - Confirm Time

- The City department of Public Service would like to see a four year planting project for a pollinator garden; Vision 2020.
- LEAB, CIB and Leduc Wildlife Conservation Society will meet to discuss the timing of the event.
- Bring back to the April meeting and invite CIB and LWCS.

D. Million pollinator garden challenge

- Once Katie hears back from CIB she will get back to LEAB on the Million pollinator garden challenge.
- Kerra will circulate the pollinator garden challenge material to the department of Public Services and get there opinion.
- Katie would like to launch the pollinator garden educational materials at the Arbour Day event.

NEW BUSINESS

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

E. Environment Event Dates First Half 2017:

March 25 - Earth Hour 8:30 - 9:30 pm

April 8, 9 - Chamber Business Expo

April 22-29 - Pitch-In-Week, Earth Day April 22

April 27 - Volunteer Appreciation Banquet 5:30 - 9:30 pm

May 13 - Arbour Day Tree Planting 11 am - 3 pm.

Consider tags for the trees that people can put their names on the trees.

May 17 – LWCS's Bumblebee Presentation at Library 6:30pm

May 27 - Green & Gold Event at RONA (tentative date)

Environment Week June 4 - 10:

June 5 – Peter Puffin Presentation Grade 4's Maclab Centre 9:45 a.m.

June 5 – World Environment Day, Pollinator Garden Planting – time?

June 4 – Spring Bird Count – confirm date with Andy

June 7 - Clean Air Day

OPEN DISCUSSION

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Plan a tour for LEAB to see the solar panels at the LRC this summer.
- Plan the board walk grand opening with the bird count in June or another LEAB event.

ADJOURNMENT

X. ADJOURNMENT

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Motion: it was Moved by Jill Mitchell to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 p.m.

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Chairperson

Recording Secretary