

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021
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REGULAR MINUTES Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held Tuesday, May 11, 2021 via GoToMeeting, Leduc, AB.

PRESENT: Councillor Glen Finstad
Sheila Ruddy
Benjamin McDonald
Wendy Yule
Lynne Chalmers
Mindy Paradis
Ngairé Nix
Jennifer Roach
Brittany Onysyk
Councillor Glen Finstad

WITH REGRETS: Councillor Lars Hansen

ALSO PRESENT: Kerra Chomlak – City Representative
Shirley Weslosky – Recording Secretary
Juanita Marinus – Leduc Resident
Irene McGraw – Leduc Resident
Shelby Lowe – City Representative

CALL TO ORDER

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA
21/2021**

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion: It was **Moved** by Lynne Chalmers to approve the May 11, 2021 agenda as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
22/2021**

Motion: It was **Moved** by Ngairé Nix to accept the regular meeting minutes of April 13, 2021 as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**SAFETY
MOMENT**

IV. SAFETY MOMENT

Helpful hints to reduce pain when gardening;

- Wear gloves while gardening
- Take a walk around the block to loosen up your muscles before gardening.
- Try not to do repetitive motions while gardening, this can cause injury. Try to move around as much as you can.

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REPORTS

- Use short, quick motions when raking, and keep the rake close to your body. Switch sides every 2 to 3 minutes.
- When squatting, keep your torso upright, lower yourself until your bottom almost touches the ground. Try to keep your weight on your heels.
- Check your posture, and have your wrists in the straight position.
- When done gardening soak in epsom salts, this will help any achy muscles.

V. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report

- John Stephens with the Leduc Wildlife Conservation Society (LWCS) has concerns with the re-wild areas north and south of Telford Lake, the land south of Daystar Church, and new subdivision at Deer Creek. He also has concerns of the wildlife corridors/ buffers between Telford and Saunders lakes, Deer Creek, new subdivisions.
- LWCS has come up with a report on buffers and berms in the City of Leduc.

Action: Kerra will take John Stephens concerns to the City of Leduc Planning Department.

B. Council's Report

- There will be a zero percent tax increase for home owners in 2021.
- Councillor Glen Finstad is the Chair of the Edmonton Waste Recovery Committee.
- Alberta Care are pushing the EPR legislation. The Province of Alberta is finally looking at this initiative.
- There have been changes to the operations at Swan Hills with HHW.
- CEIP application was submitted for initial review, we will know in 6 months time. Glen is the City of Leduc elected official sponsor for this program.

C. Administration's Report

- Shelby Lowe will be the new LEAB liaison with the City of Leduc starting in September 2021.
- Nathan Schaper, the Municipal Energy Project Manager starts with the City of Leduc in May 2021.

**APPROVAL OF
REPORTS
23/2021**

VI. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

MOTION CARRIED

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Coal Policy - Update on recommendations to Council

- 1976 Coal Policy and trends for reference was looked at and it references the clean air act and clean water act. This is not in the

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current coal policy. South Saskatchewan regional plan was completed but others have not been.

- The sub-committee will monitor the Provincial Consultations at this time.
- Atrum Coal wrote a letter to the City of Leduc and they wanted to do a presentation to Council. They were going to write a letter to the LEAB board too. This letter was sent to the City on April 21st and then on April 23rd the Energy Minister halted exploration until the consultation is concluded.

- B. Spraying fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides in Leduc – Sub-committee update
- The spraying information for residents is linked with the Pollinator Garden Challenge.

Action: Sheila and Kerra will revise the executive summary to get it finalized to present to Council in June. They will send it to the LEAB for review and comments.

Motion
24/2021

Motion: It was **Moved** by Jennifer Roach to have the executive summary for herbicides and pesticides reviewed by LEAB and sent back by email with approval or changes to allow time to get ready for Council.

- C. Green House Gas (GHG) Plan and The Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) – Update from sub-committee
- CEIP application is complete.

Action: Shirley will set up a CEIP sub-committee meeting in May.

- D. Dark Skies – Update from sub-committee
- May 18, 2021 is the next meeting.

- E. Pollinator Garden – Update
- Postcards and seeds were delivered to all of the schools today for the grade 4 & 5 students to take home and plant.

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

**NEW
BUSINESS**

Irene McGraw joined the meeting at 8:19 p.m.

A. Single Use Plastic Bags

- Where is the Federal Government at with single use plastics? They were talking about phasing out by 2022 and have zero waste by 2030. LEAB cannot find an update on the Federal Government at this time.
- Spruce Grove has a bylaw coming into effect in 2022 and will have a ban on certain plastics.
- Updates on jurisdictions for review; Wetaskiwin suspended their bylaw in March 2020, and have extended it until May 2021. Both Devon and Jasper have their bylaws in effect. Wood Buffalo suspended their bylaw during the pandemic.
- LEAB will continue to monitor the situation and bring this back in June.

Action: Kerra will check with the region on Single Use Plastics and bring forward to LEAB any information that is found.

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- The City of Leduc recycling blue bags are a concern with LEAB as they are not getting recycled after collection through the city's collection provider.

B. Green and Gold

- Starts May 15, 2021 at RONA Rain Barrel will cost \$64.99 plus GST, regular cost is \$129.00. Water Timer for sprinkler will cost \$30.99 Plus GST, regular cost is \$45.99. These prices will run until RONA is out of stock.
- There is also a free compost give away at the Eco Station limit five 5 gallon pails per household.

C. Spring Bird Count May 30 - June 5, 2021

**OPEN
DISCUSSION**

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Mindy attended the LWCS meeting and they are interested in berms and buffers. They are also interested in the Telford Lake shore line is for nesting and want to keep it natural. They would like to see signs at the boat launch and on the boardwalk for nesting birds.

Action: Kerra will ask the City of Leduc Parks Department if they will consider putting up signs for nesting around Telford Lake. Kerra will bring this back to the next meeting.

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

25/2021

XI. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: it was **Moved** by Brittany Onysyk to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

XII. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on June 8, 2021



Chairperson



Recording Secretary