

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 14, 2023
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REGULAR MINUTES Minutes of the LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD Regular Meeting held Tuesday, March 14, 2023 Telford Street Boardroom, Civic Center.

PRESENT: Wendy Yule
Mindy Paradis
Councilor Ryan Pollard
Benjamin McDonald
Councilor Lars Hansen
Alena Mazur
James Turner
Kala Raymond
James Kollmar

WITH REGRETS: Ngaire Nix
Michael Hancharyk – City Representative

ALSO PRESENT: Alysha Laviolette – Recording Secretary
Jenna Chernuka – City Representative

CALL TO ORDER I. CALL TO ORDER

Wendy Yule called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

• **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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MOTION: It was Moved by James Turner to approve the March 14, 2023, Agenda.

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MOTION CARRIED

• **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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MOTION: It was Moved by Ben McDonald to accept the meeting minutes of February 14, 2023, as circulated.

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MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

• **Chair's Report**

- There is a possibility with the upcoming election that we could speak to the candidates about environmental issues. Will discuss again with the board next month.

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- Safety moment: March is seatbelt safety month - remember to buckle up.
- Attended Y-Stations Pesticide Survey presentation to Leduc City Council March 13.
- A local business, Vulcraft, wishes to work with LEAB on an environmental initiative. I spoke with their representative about possibilities and will have a follow up conversation with him in early April. At this time, they have shown interest in tree-planting and garbage pick-up.
- **Council's Report**
 - The City of Leduc and Leduc County have come to a new agreement regarding the tax revenue from the EIA.
 - Council enjoyed the pesticide presentation.
 - Strategic planning meeting was on Saturday. The Deer Valley community garden is full but there are a few openings left in South Telford.
 - West campus plan and costing for the second rec facility is coming back to Council in May.
 - In June, a final decision will be made on if the City will keep the gate closed or open at South Telford.
 - The City is hosting naloxone training.
 - Teen take over coming in May.
 - City census is taking place April 3 to May 13th.
- **Administration's Report**
 - The City received the Minister's Award for Environmental Innovation for the solar carport and electric vehicle (EV) charging station installed at 4821 50th Avenue. The City has made significant contributions to projects to lower greenhouse gas emissions and reduce the carbon footprint of Leduc via projects like this one.
 - Reminder of the Citizens of Distinction nomination timeline:
 - *Sept 2022: nominations for the 2022 Citizens of Distinction (COD) Award season were opened.*
 - *April 30, 2023: deadline for nominations.*

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- *April 30, 2023 - May 3, 2023: Nominations to be received, organized, and prepared for review by committee.*
- *May 4, 2023: Committee members will be emailed a link to an external drive to view all nominations along with matrix guide to review and rank nominations.*
- *May 10, 11, or 12, 2020: COD Annual meeting. Committee meets to review nominations as a group, make recommendations, and vote. (Please note, this meeting is scheduled around lunch hour)*
- recommended that the board take some time to reflect on any citizens, groups, or businesses that have made a significant contribution to the community on the environmental front. Last year's nomination for the Leduc Co-op organics diversion program will be carried over but more nominations are welcomed and encouraged. (Leduc Lions solar array won last year).

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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MOTION: It was moved by Alena to accept the above noted reports for information purposes only.

MOTION CARRIED

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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BUSINESS**

Actionable Initiatives

• **Pollinators and Pesticides**

- Pesticide survey results were presented to Council. It's clear there's an appetite for more education around alternative pest control methods and safe/effective pesticide use within the community. Council seemed to welcome this approach. LEAB is encouraged to explore this option and build recommendations around next steps (what would a campaign look like? what would the objectives be? what methods of information sharing would be used? budget needed?)
- A concern for LEAB is that residents may not know the difference between cosmetic pesticides and banning pesticides in general.
- A large portion of the respondents were interested in learning about alternatives as well as safe pesticide use and were open to an education campaign.
- The survey showed some opposition towards potential ban.
- LEAB would need to come up with general ideas on campaign with a budget ask, then present this to Council.

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- LEAB discussed different campaign ideas.

- **Telford Berms and Buffers**

- Telford Lake is the City's largest Environmentally Significant Area. And naturalization around the Lake and in other greenspaces across the City has been a focus for some time and is of importance to the community as seen in our pesticide survey. A City representative sat on a panel with other municipalities speaking to the benefits of naturalization and current practices in the City. They shared that comprehensive plans and policies exist within Fort Saskatchewan and St Albert, and it sounds like those municipalities are open to sharing this information. The board is interested in a presentation or even just a review of these plans.

- **Light Efficiency Community**

- No update

- **Environmental Plan**

- RFP has been posted.

Topics to Monitor

- **Watershed and Coal Policy**

- No update

- **Single Use Plastic**

- No update

- **Tree Protection – Policy/Bylaw**

- No update

- **Green House Gas Plan/CEIP**

- No update

- **Waste Management – Business (ICI) and Multi-Unit (MU) Waste Diversion**

- No update

**NEW
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- **Budget**

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- Reviewed overall LEAB budget along with historical expenses and anticipated costs for the upcoming year.
- Discussed rates for a booth at the Business Expo.
- Discussed ideas for prizes for Pollinator Garden Challenge; window decals to prevent bird strikes, hummingbird feeders, birds of Alberta book, binoculars, merlin app, seed basket. LEAB agreed to a budget range of \$500-\$1000 for giveaways.
- Discussed Business Expo draw prize.
- LEAB agreed to use \$500 towards seed packets for Business Expo.
- Administration will need to purchase name tags for the new members.

**PURCHASE OF
CHAMBER
MEMBERSHIP**

41/2023

MOTION: It was moved by Wendy for LEAB to purchase membership for the Chamber and a booth for the Business Expo.

MOTION CARRIED

- **Vulcraft**

- Vulcraft in Leduc would like to volunteer with some of the initiatives within the city like tree planting and garbage clean up.
- Wendy will follow up with Vulcraft to see if they are interested in volunteering with garbage pickup and Arbor Day and see at what level they are willing to help out.

**OPEN
DISCUSSION**

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N/A

ADJOURNMENT

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MOTION: it was moved by James Turner to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

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The next meeting will be held on April 11, 2023 Telford Street Board Room

Chair

Alysha Laviolette

Recording Secretary

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