

City of Leduc Mock Council Script 2022/2023

I. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

Mayor: Welcome Ladies and Gentlemen and **Your School** _____ to this Mock Council Meeting. I now call this meeting to order. Are there any additions or changes for the agenda?

Seeing none I would ask for a motion to accept the agenda.

Councillor 2: Thank you, Your Worship – I move that we accept the agenda as presented.

Mayor: Thank you Councillor _____. A motion has been made. All in favour? **(Count Votes)** _____ Opposed? **(Count votes)** _____ – **Motion Carries**

II. ADOPTION OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

Mayor: Next Item on the agenda is approval of last meetings minutes.

Councillor 1: Thank you, Your Worship – I move that we accept the minutes as presented.

Mayor: Thank you Councillor _____. A motion has been made. All in favour? **(Count votes)** _____ Opposed? **(Count votes)** _____ – **Motion Carries**

III. PUBLIC COMMENTARY

Mayor: Next on the agenda is Public Commentary, this is an opportunity for members from the public to speak to Council about anything. Are there any public members who would like to speak?

Public Member 1: Your Worship, I would like to speak to Council today.

Mayor: Please move to the microphone and say your name for the City Clerk.

Public Member 1: Thank you, Your Worship. My name is: _____

I have come to Council today to raise an issue in my neighborhood.

The playground has some equipment that needs repair.

The swing has a broken seat and a stair on the slide is very loose.

Mayor: City Manager _____ please respond to this issue

City Manager: Thank you, Your Worship. The City of Leduc inspects playgrounds looking for repairs that are needed. With the bad weather we have had we haven't had a chance to make the inspections. The General Manager of Infrastructure and planning is in charge of maintaining playgrounds and can update Council.

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Mayor: General Manager for Infrastructure & Planning _____. Would you please update Council?

General Manager for Infrastructure & Planning: Thank you, Your Worship. With the bad weather we have experienced our inspection of playgrounds was delayed. I will notify Public Services and have a maintenance worker inspect and repair the equipment as necessary. We should be able to send someone to the playground tomorrow.

Mayor: Chief Financial Officer _____ do we have money in the budget to cover the costs of repairs?

Chief Financial Officer: Thank you, Your Worship. Yes we have money in the budget for this. We have a repair reserve budget that has funds to make minor repairs like this. In the event that there was a major repair or the equipment had to be completely replaced then we would have to come back to Council to approve the change in the budget.

Mayor: Thank you Chief Financial Officer _____

Mayor: General Manager for Corporate Services _____ Could we update our website to make sure residents have a better idea of how to report issues like this?

General Manager for Corporate Services: Yes your Worship, We are in the process of redoing our website and will make sure there is an easy way for our residents to make us aware of problems. We are also working on a City of Leduc App that will allow residents to give more input to City operations.

Mayor: Are there any public members who would like to speak?
(Pause and look to see if any individuals have their hands up to speak)

Public Member 2: Your Worship, I would like to speak to Council today.

Mayor: Please move to the microphone and say your name for the City Clerk.

Public Member 2: Thank you, Your Worship. My name is: _____
I live in Southfork. I've noticed that many of the other communities have Community Gardens. Our neighborhood doesn't have a community garden. I have talked to many of my neighbors and I think the City should consider building a community garden in our neighborhood.

Mayor: City Manager _____ please respond to this issue

City Manager: Thank you, Your Worship. The City of Leduc has community gardens in South Telford and Deer Valley in the West end of Leduc. We have been considering community gardens in Southfork but weren't sure if the community wanted them
We will have to get a cost estimate and it would have to go through the budget process. The General Managers for Infrastructure & Planning can update Council on the steps involved.

Mayor: General Manager for Infrastructure & Planning _____, would you please update Council.

General Manager for Infrastructure & Planning: Thank you, Your Worship. In order for us to build community garden we need to first find a suitable location. Then we would need to get a cost estimate. Community Gardens usually cost about 200 thousand dollars and take 1 month to build.

Mayor: Thank you General Manager for Infrastructure & Planning _____.
General Manager of Community & Protective Services _____ do we have a site?

General Manager for Community & Protective Services: Thank you, Your Worship. We have been considering this possibility and we have 2 sites in mind that might work. We would like to perform a public survey to find out which site would work best for the residents and bring back the results to Council.

Mayor: Thank you General Manager for Community & Protective Services _____.
General Manager for Corporate Services _____ how long would it take to perform a public survey?

General Manager for Corporate Services: Your Worship, it would take us a week to get the survey prepared and we would need at least 3 weeks to run the survey in order to get the feedback we need from the community.

Mayor: Thank you General Manager of Corporate Services _____.
Chief Financial Officer _____ do we have money in the budget?

Chief Financial Officer: Thank you, Your Worship. At this time we do not have money in the budget. If Council decides this is a project they would like the City to do, we would have to put the money in the budget next fall.

Mayor: Thank you Chief Financial Officer _____

Is there any other public member who would like to comment?

(Pause and look to see if any individuals have their hands up to speak)

Seeing none we will move on.

IV. PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor: Next on the agenda is a public hearing, we will now conduct a Public Hearing. Last meeting, we had first reading of our Curfew Bylaw. A public Hearing allows citizens to express why they are in favor or against a bylaw. Council will listen to the public presentations. They can ask questions but will not make any decisions until the bylaw section of the Council meeting City Solicitor would you explain the Bylaw please.

City Solicitor: Thank you, Your Worship.

Curfew Bylaw 101 – 2022 is a bylaw to establish a curfew in the City of Leduc that would prohibit anyone under the age of 16 from being out without an adult after 10:00 pm.

Anyone under the age of 16 without an adult would be allowed to head straight home after 10 pm but they would not be allowed to stop along the way. This bylaw would take effect July 1st next year.

Mayor: Thank you City Solicitor _____ -

Is there anyone from the Public that would like to speak to this bylaw.

(Pause and look to see if any individuals have their hands up to speak)

Public Member 1: Your Worship, I would like to speak to Council today.

Mayor: Please move to the microphone and say your name for the City Clerk.

Public Member 1: Thank you, Your Worship.

My name is _____

I own a pizza parlor and I have many customers that are under the age of 16 that eat pizza in my place after 10:00 pm.

Passing this bylaw would hurt my business

I hope Council will take my concerns into consideration.

Thank you

Mayor: Are there any questions from Council for this public member?

(You see Councillor 1 has raised a hand)

You may ask your question Councillor _____.

Councillor 1 : Thank your worship I would like to ask the public member why he has customers under 16 in his pizza parlor after 10 pm. It seems to be late for pizza.

Public Member 1: A lot of my customers live in my neighborhood and they come in for pizza after they finish soccer or drama practice.

(You see Councillor 2 has raised a hand)

Mayor: (Councillor) _____ ask your question.

Councillor 2 : Thank your worship I would like to ask the public member if it would be possible for his Pizza Place to have the parents of these under 16 year olds to pick them up or could he arrange rides home for these customers.

Public Member 1: I'm sorry Councillor but many of the parents work evenings and I can't afford to pay for a ride home service.

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Mayor: Are there any other questions? (If there are none proceed)

Thank you for your input. Are there any other public members who would like to make a presentation? (*Pause and look to see if any individuals have their hands up to speak*)

Public Member 2: Your Worship, I would like to speak to Council today.

Mayor: Please move to the microphone and say your name for the City Clerk.

Public Member 2:

Thank you, Your Worship.

My name is _____

I live by Lede Park. There are children in the Park after 10:00 p.m. usually on Friday nights.

They vandalize the park and create lots of noise.

I would be in favour of this bylaw.

I hope Council will take my concerns into consideration.

Thank you

Mayor: Are there any questions from Council for this public member?

(*Pause and look to see if any Council members have their hands up with questions*)

(You see Councillor 3 has raised a hand)

Councillor 3 : Thank your worship – How do you know these children are under 16?

Public Member 2: I don't know these children but I have seen them at the junior high school, so I assume they are under 16.

(You see Councillor 4 has raised a hand)

Councillor 4 : Thank your worship – Have you called our Leduc Enforcement Services.

Public Member 2: Yes Councillor – several times but the children are gone long before the Community Peace Officers get there.

Thank you for your input. Are there any other public members who would like to make a presentation? (*Pause and look to see if any individuals have their hands up to speak*)

Public Member 3: Your Worship, I would like to speak to Council today.

Mayor: Please move to the microphone and say your name for the City Clerk.

Public Member 3:

Thank you, Your Worship.

My name is _____

I coach soccer and my players are all under the age of 16. Many of them walk home after practice which ends after 10 pm. I would not be in favor of this bylaw.

Thank you

Mayor: Are there any questions from Council for this public member?

(Pause and look to see if any Council members have their hands up with questions)

(You see Councillor 4 has raised a hand)

Councillor 4 : Thank your worship – Is there any possibility that you could practice earlier?

Public Member 3: I'm sorry Councillor but 9:00 pm is the earliest we can get floor time for our soccer team.

(You see Councillor 5 has raised a hand)

Councillor 5 : Thank your worship – Coach, is it possible for you to have your parents arrange for rides home?

Public Member 3: Councillor we have tried to organize rides and have had some success but it is impossible to guarantee every one of my players has a ride.

Thank you for your input. Are there any other public members who would like to make a presentation? *(Pause and look to see if any individuals have their hands up to speak)*

Public Member 4: Your Worship, I would like to speak to Council today.

Mayor: Please move to the microphone and say your name for the City Clerk.

Public Member 4:

Thank you, Your Worship.

My name is _____

I am a concerned parent. I have a 13 year old son and a 15 year old daughter. They are both at home before 10 pm at night. I do not think any reasonable parent would allow their children to be out after 10 pm.

Thank you

Mayor: Are there any questions from Council for this public member?

(Pause and look to see if any Council members have their hands up with questions)

Thank you for your input. Are there any other public members who would like to make a presentation? *(Pause and look to see if any individuals have their hands up to speak)*

Seeing none, this brings the Public Hearing to an end. Council will take all of these presentations into consideration when we debate the bylaw.

Next on the Agenda is Bylaws

V. BYLAWS

Councillor _____ : Your Worship – I move **2nd** reading of Bylaw No.101-2022.

Mayor: - The City Solicitor will now read the proposed bylaw.

City Solicitor: Thank you, Your Worship.

Curfew Bylaw 101 – 2022 would establish a curfew that prohibits anyone under the age of 16 from being out without an adult after 10 pm in the City of Leduc.

Anyone under the age of 16 without an adult would have to head straight home after 10 pm

Mayor: City Manager _____ Would you please speak to this Bylaw.

City Manager: Thank you, Your Worship. Putting a curfew into effect in the City of Leduc would have an effect on all the City departments. I have asked all the City Department General Managers to take a look at how the curfew would affect their department.

Mayor: Thank you City Manager _____.

General Manager of Community and Protective Services _____ would you please speak to this bylaw.

General Manager for Community & Protective Services: Thank you, Your Worship
In order to properly enforce this bylaw, we would need to hire three extra Community Peace officers and purchase one new vehicle. I would also recommend that for the first three months that only warning tickets be given out to allow people time to adjust to the bylaw.

Mayor: Thank you General Manager of Community and Protective Services.

General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning _____ would you please speak to this bylaw.

General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning: Thank you, Your Worship.
Before this bylaw comes into effect we need to get our mobile electronic signs out into the community to advertise the new bylaw. I would have my staff put the signs out in the first week of June announcing the new bylaw.

I believe we should look at putting video cameras in some of the problem areas so that we can easily monitor any problems.

Mayor: Thank you General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning _____

Chief Financial Officer _____ would you please speak to this bylaw.

Chief Financial Officer: Thank you, Your Worship. My finance department has done a study of what would be needed for this Bylaw.

Three new Community Peace officers would cost 225 thousand dollars per year. A new vehicle would cost 30 thousand dollars. During the budget these items were discussed and they are in the budget. If this bylaw isn't successful the money would be put back into reserves.

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Our communication department will prepare news releases and take out ads in the local paper. We do not have any money in the budget for video cameras at this time.

Mayor: Thank you Chief Financial Officer _____.
General Manager for Corporate Services _____ please speak to this bylaw.

General Manager for Corporate Services: Your Worship, we have already started to prepare a news release and ads for the newspaper. We will research the cost of installing video cameras if Council decides to proceed with this bylaw.

Council you have heard administration do you have any questions or comments?

(Councillors can now make comments arguing for or against the bylaw. The Mayor will recognize each Councillor who puts up their hand. When all of Council has had an opportunity to speak, the Mayor will speak last and provide his/her comments. At the end of discussion, the Mayor will ask Council to vote on Bylaw 101 – 2022)

(A bylaw needs 3 readings to be passed before it becomes a law.)

Mayor: All in favor of Bylaw 101 – 2022 ***(Count the votes)*** _____ Opposed ***(Count the votes)***

_____ The motion is carried **or** the motion is defeated
(If the motion is carried) I am looking for a motion for 3rd reading of the bylaw

Councillor _____ : Your Worship – I move 3rd reading of Bylaw 101-2022. ***(Only if 2nd reading was successful)***

Mayor: All in favor of 3rd reading of Bylaw 101 – 2022? ***(Count the votes)*** _____ Opposed? ***(Count the votes)*** _____

The motion is carried **or** the motion is defeated

Mayor: I would like to thank Council for the decisions they made today. I now declare a recess.

VI. BREAK - If your class is changing Councils or if they need a little break to stand up and move for a minute

If your class is changing Councils this is the beginning of your Second Council

Mayor: Welcome Ladies and Gentlemen and **Your School** to this second part of this Mock Council Meeting

VII. PUBLIC HEARING

Mayor: Next on the agenda is a public hearing

We will now conduct a public Hearing. Last meeting we had first reading of our Hens & Bees Bylaw.

(A public Hearing allows citizens to express why they are in favor or against a bylaw. Council will listen to the public presentations. They can ask questions but will not make any decisions until the bylaw section of the Council meeting)

City Solicitor would you explain the Bylaw please.

City Solicitor: Thank you, Your Worship.

Hens & Bees Bylaw 103 – 2022 is a bylaw to that would allow residents of Leduc to raise Hens and keep Bees within the City Limits of Leduc. Residents would have to apply to the City to get a permit that would allow them to have up to six Hens and/or three Beehives on their property. This bylaw would take effect July 1st next year.

Mayor: Thank you City Solicitor _____ - Is there anyone from the Public that would like to speak to this bylaw? ***(Pause and look to see if any individuals have their hands up to speak)***

Public Member 1: Your Worship, I would like to speak to Council today.

Mayor: Please move to the microphone and say your name for the City Clerk.

Public Member 1: Thank you, Your Worship.

My name is _____

I live in Southfork. I think this would be an excellent bylaw for the City of Leduc.

I would be able to have fresh eggs and honey at a very reasonable cost

I hope Council passes this bylaw.

Thank you

Mayor: Are there any questions from Council for this public member? ***(Pause and look to see if any Council members have their hands up with questions)***
(You see Councillor 6 has raised a hand)

Councillor 6: Thank you your Worship – Do you really think that that raising hens and bees in our community will save anyone money.

Public Member 1: No Councillor I don't, but I think this will be a way that people can have a hobby that that helps them relax and escape the pressures of everyday life. I don't look at this much different than having a cat or a dog.

Thank you for your input. Are there any other public members who would like to make a presentation? ***(Pause and look to see if any individuals have their hands up to speak)***

Public Member 2: Your Worship, I would like to speak to Council today.

Mayor: Please move to the microphone and say your name for the City Clerk.

Public Member 2:

Thank you, Your Worship.

My name is _____

I live in North Telford. I can't believe that your council is foolish enough to even consider this bylaw. If I wanted to live by a farm I would have bought an acreage in the country.

I am definitely opposed to the passing of this bylaw.

I hope Council will take my concerns into consideration.

Thank you

Mayor: Are there any questions from Council for this public member?

(Pause and look to see if any Council members have their hands up with questions)

(You see Councillor 3 has raised a hand)

Councillor 3: Thankyou your Worship – Do you really think that having six hens and or three beehives is the same as a farm?

Public Member 2: No, I do not, I'm just not in favour of having hens or bees in my neighborhood

(You see Councillor 4 has raised a hand)

Councillor 3: Thank you your Worship – If the City can guarantee that the hens and beehives wouldn't create any problems for you would that change your mind?

Public Member 2 : Even with your guarantees I am still not in favour of this bylaw.

Thank you for your input. Are there any other public members who would like to make a presentation? *(Pause and look to see if any individuals have their hands up to speak)*

Public Member 3: Your Worship, I would like to speak to Council today.

Mayor: Please move to the microphone and say your name for the City Clerk.

Public Member 3:

Thank you, Your Worship.

My name is _____

I live in Deer Valley. I think it is a great idea to allow people to raise Hens or Bees in the City of Leduc. Just think how much the children in these households will learn about Hens and Bees. I

grew up on a farm and I know the benefits that having Hens or Bees will bring to the community. I hope you will pass this bylaw.

Thank you

Mayor: Are there any questions from Council for this public member?
(Pause and look to see if any Council members have their hands up with questions)
(You see Councillor 4 has raised a hand)

Councillor 4: Thank you your Worship – Are you not concerned that the hens would create noise and odour in your neighborhood?

Public Member 3: No Councillor, I do not believe we would even notice six hens in our neighborhood.

Thank you for your input. Are there any other public members who would like to make a presentation? *(Pause and look to see if any individuals have their hands up to speak)*

Public Member 4: Your Worship, I would like to speak to Council today.

Mayor: Please move to the microphone and say your name for the City Clerk.

Public Member 4:

Thank you, Your Worship.

My name is _____

I live in Windrose. I am totally against this bylaw. We shouldn't have to put up with the noise or the smell that allowing hens to be raised in Leduc would cause. My daughter is allergic to bee stings. Please do not allow this bylaw to pass.

Thank you

Mayor: Are there any questions from Council for this public member?
(Pause and look to see if any Council members have their hands up with questions)
(You see Councillor 5 has raised a hand)

Councillor 5: Thank you your Worship – If there is no noise or smell would you be OK with this bylaw?

Public Member 4: I would have less of a problem with this bylaw but I am still not in favour as beehives in someone's yard in our neighborhood would increase the risk for my daughter.

Thank you for your input. Are there any other public members who would like to make a presentation? *(Pause and look to see if any individuals have their hands up to speak)*
Seeing none, this brings the Public Hearing to an end. Council will take all of these presentations into consideration when we debate the bylaw.

VIII. BYLAWS

Mayor: Next on the Agenda is Bylaws

Councillor _____ : Your Worship – I move 2nd reading of Bylaw 103-2022.

Mayor: Thank you General Manager of Community and Protective Services.
General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning _____ , would you please speak to this bylaw.

General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning: Thank you, Your Worship
Our park staff would need to have training for handling Hens or Bees just in case there was a situation where they had to go in and remove them from the property. We would put out some of our electronic signs in the community making people aware of when this bylaw would be in effect.

Mayor: Thank you General Manager of Infrastructure and Planning _____
Chief Financial Officer _____, would you please speak to this bylaw.

Chief Financial Officer: Thank you, Your Worship
My finance department has done a study of what would be needed for this Bylaw.
Three new Community Peace officers would cost 80 thousand dollars per year. A new vehicle would cost 30 thousand dollars. Training Public services staff would cost 10 thousand dollars. During the budget these items were discussed and they are in the budget. If this bylaw isn't successful the money would be put back into reserves.
Our communication department will prepare news releases and take out ads in the local paper.

Mayor: Thank you Chief Financial Officer _____
General Manager for Corporate Services _____ please speak to this bylaw.

General Manager for Corporate Services: Your Worship, we will be developing an education program for this project if Council decides to proceed with the bylaw. The program would let neighborhoods know what the next steps would be; and we will also work out an education program for people who are interested in taking part in this program.

City Manager: Thank you **General Manager for Corporate Services** _____
City Manager _____ do you have any further comments?

City Manager: Thank you, Your Worship. Before we would approve any applications, the applicant must provide contact information from neighbor(s) whose property are immediately adjacent to the rear yard of the subject property, including those across the back lane. If there were no concerns, we would issue a permit immediately.

Mayor: Thank you City Manager _____.

Councillors you can now make comments arguing for or against the bylaw. All of Council has an opportunity to speak I will speak last.

(Call on each Councillor to say why they are for or against the motio)

Mayor: All in favor of Bylaw 103 – 2022? **(Count the votes)** _____ Opposed? _____

(Count the votes)

The motion is carried **or** the motion is defeated

(If the motion is carried) I am looking for a motion for **3rd** reading of the bylaw

Councillor _____ : Your Worship – I move **3rd** reading of Bylaw 103-2022. **(Only if 2nd reading was successful)**

Mayor: All in favor of **3rd** reading of Bylaw 103 – 2022? **(Count the votes)** _____ Opposed?

(Count the votes) _____

The motion is carried **or** the motion is defeated

Mayor: This is the second opportunity for public speakers

IX. ADJOURNMENT

Thank you everyone. This concludes our Mock Council meeting. I now declare this meeting adjourned.