

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2023
TELFORD STREET BOARDROOM, CIVIC CENTER
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REGULAR MINUTES Minutes of the LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD Regular Meeting held Tuesday, October 17, 2023 Telford Street Boardroom, Civic Center.

PRESENT: Wendy Yule
Councilor Lars Hansen
James Turner
Benjamin McDonald
Councilor Ryan Pollard
Ngaire Nix
Mindy Paradis

WITH REGRETS: Kala Raymond
Alena Mazur
James Kollmar
Jenna Chernuka – City Representative
Shelby Lowe – City Representative

ALSO PRESENT: Alysha Laviolette – Recording Secretary
Michael Hancharyk – City Representative

CALL TO ORDER

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

43/2023

- APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: It was Moved by Mindy to approve the October 17, 2023, Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

44/2023

- APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was Moved by James T to accept the meeting minutes of September 12, 2023, as circulated.

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THE LEDUC LIBRARY

- Presentation was given by the Leduc Library regarding environmental education kits, displays and other collaboration between LEAB and the Library.

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- LEAB would like to look into have a bird watching kit, pesticide education kit and pollinator gardening kit as potential kits being placed at the library.

REPORTS

Chair's Report

- Attended North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance workshop on July 27th/23.
- This workshop was well organized and well attended. The NSWA is in the process of developing a NSWA Riparian Regulations Discussion Guide which will provide local governments within the NS River Watershed with straightforward recommendations and tools to improve the regulatory protection of lands nearest to our watercourses and waterbodies.
- Attended Leduc's 2023 Volunteer fest on Sept 10th, along with Mindy Paradis, Ben McDonald, James T from the board, and Shelby and Alysha from the City of Leduc. Thanks to everyone who staffed our table or stopped by for a chat.
- And thanks to City staff who did the set-up and take down for us as well as to Michael who arranged the prize for a random draw.
- Leduc Communities in Bloom is now called Leduc in Bloom.
- I have been communicating back and forth with the chair of the Green Action Committee of Camrose.

Council's Report

- In September different Alberta municipalities met in Edmonton. All of the councilors attended, and it was a great opportunity to meet with other municipalities of varies sizes.
- Fire hall in Edmonton was built using geothermal and other strategies to implement net zero.
- This month kicked off budget process to council.
- Upcoming changes to public commentary
- Final presentation on west campus was given which outlined the basic financial strategy.
- Telford lake community gardens will be shut down for a year due to weed issues so they can be remediated and re-opened.

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Administration's Report

- **Volunteer Fest** - Thanks to all the LEAB members that attended and were at the table, it was a great success as we had 70 people engage with Urban Systems about the Enviro Plan
- **MCCAC Zero Emission Vehicle Awareness Initiative** – Had about 150 people attend, and many representatives from other municipalities interested in what Leduc is doing.
- Recycling Round Up was on September 23, 2023. We had 327 cars attend. First time hosting in Sept – well received during better weather!
- Environmental Plan Survey had 175 responses – Waste, Land and Energy were the main topics across all engagement.
- There are some residents combatting naturalized areas. Roesch Park and Deer Valley behind Ravine Villas. We Need to be unified as a front on a response. Admin to look into creating a Naturalized Area Plan.
- Bird Count books - We found more spring bird count books in the shed! No need to order more at the moment.
- Homework from Jenna – each LEAB member was asked to share a photo from the summer and talk to their own personal land acknowledgement, we will defer this to the November meeting.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

45/2023

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

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Actionable Initiatives

Pollinators and Pesticides

- 13 participants for the Pollinator Garden Challenge this year.

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- Look at doing more engagement through the library for the Pollinator Garden Challenge next year instead of newspaper advertisements.
- Link up with the youth council next year to try to engage the youth in the challenge.

Telford Berms and Buffers

- North Saskatchewan Water Shed Alliance would like to come present at the November meeting.
- Other municipalities have bylaws on how much of a buffer needs to be provided near a body of water.
- Telford has a setback environmental reserve of at least 10 meters, goal is to have at least a 30-meter set back.
- The MDP is going to Council in January
- Look at having a subcommittee meeting before the November meeting.
- Ideas that could be considered
 - Developing Partnerships.
 - Develop a Natural Areas Acquisition Strategy and Natural Areas Reserve Fund and/or Developer Incentive Program.
 - Conducting an economic ecosystem service assessment for Telford Lake and the surrounding areas.

Light Efficiency Community

- No update.

Environmental Plan

- Meeting with scouts next week to get their engagement.

Topics to Monitor

Watershed and Coal Policy

- There are Australian coal companies that are still lobbying the government.

Single Use Plastic

- No update.

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Tree Protection – Policy/Bylaw

- No update.

Green House Gas Plan/CEIP

- No Update.

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

- The bylaw is almost complete and will need to go for first hearing, second hearing and third hearing.
- Education and rollout plan by the end of the month.

Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)

- Officially you can register as of Oct. 2

**NEW
BUSINESS**

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**OPEN
DISCUSSION**

OPEN DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

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47/2023

MOTION: it was moved by James T to adjourn the meeting at 7:51p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

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The next meeting will be held on November 14, 2023 Telford Street Board Room



Chair



Recording Secretary