

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, JUNE 13, 2023  
TELFORD STREET BOARDROOM, CIVIC CENTER  
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**REGULAR MINUTES** Minutes of the LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD Regular Meeting held Tuesday, June 13, 2023 Telford Street Boardroom, Civic Center.

**PRESENT:** Wendy Yule  
Mindy Paradis  
  
Councilor Lars Hansen  
James Turner  
James Kollmar  
Benjamin McDonald  
Ngaire Nix  
Kala Raymond

**WITH REGRETS:** Alena Mazur  
Michael Hancharyk – City Representative  
Councilor Ryan Pollard

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

**CALL TO ORDER I. CALL TO ORDER**

Wendy Yule called the meeting to order at 6:11p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA - APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**43/2023 MOTION: It was Moved by Ngaire to approve the June 13, 2023, Agenda.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES - APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**44/2023 MOTION: It was Moved by Kala to accept the meeting minutes of May 9, 2023, as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**REPORTS**

**Chair's Report**

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- Attended: May, Dark Skies virtual meeting - partner with a business champion - organize another library display
- May 15, annual report presented to City Council – well received.
- May 17, Citizens of Distinction selection committee – good working group, consensus reached for 2023 awards.
- May 30, virtual meeting (along with Michael, Shelby, and Mindy) with Karen from Communications re Pesticide Education Campaign
- June 3, Arbour Day. Well attended, 1005 (all!) trees planted.
- June 6, attended Leduc Planning and Development's open house re: development in south Telford area.

**Council's Report**

- First planting for the 20 thousand trees grant the city received
- Attended the rodeo of smiles they had a petting zoo set up for kids and people with disabilities.
- The rodeo parade had an extended route, tons of turn out.
- Pride flag raising was at the start of June. Really good attendance.
- Filipino Independence Day was on Sunday the City had a flag raising.
- No Canada day parade this year.
- Budget kicked off last night.

**Administration's Report**

- Arbour Day – June 3rd – was a big success – thanks to everyone who attended and helped plant a tree. We planted 1005 trees with 105 volunteers (in 2022 we had 161 volunteers and planted 752 trees)
- Spring Bird Count – We had a display at the library and are still waiting on final tally.
- We are all out of spring bird count guides, LEAB will ask Canadian tire to sponsor more.

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- Did you know the library has a seed library? They received a donation from No Frills, and residents have also brought some in. It's very popular! Residents can take seeds, leave seeds, swap seeds.
- Carla has some budget to develop some environmentally themed kits for residents and their families. She would love to come talk to LEAB about it and see if they want to partner with her on some kits.
- LEAB will ask Carla from the Library to come to the October meeting.
- I attended a workshop on writing your personal land acknowledgement with Mitch – it was great to learn more about what a land acknowledgement means and how to make it genuine and from the heart. All departments there were raving about LEAB leading the way – the first board to do this in their meetings, and also your recent changes to the Bylaw – you are making a difference, and helping the City grow and learn
- Jenna's last meeting – everyone was given the summer homework of taking a photo of an area/land they love and sending the photo to Alysha prior to Sept's meeting. This is meant to be a fun opportunity to inspire personal land acknowledgements.

**APPROVAL OF  
REPORTS**

45/2023

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

***Actionable Initiatives***

**Pollinators and Pesticides**

- Presented recommendations to Council in their annual update (May 15th) – well done Wendy and LEAB – this presentation was very well received by Council.
- We put a budget placeholder request in – still waiting to hear if it's approved.
- Members of the pesticide subcommittee (Wendy and Mindy) met with us and Comms to discuss ideas for the 2024 Comms Plan.

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- Meeting notes were circulated – we would like to review at a high level and provide an opportunity for anyone else to provide input or ideas.
- What do we want to teach people (Definition of cosmetic pesticides, signage, considering your impact on your neighbours, educating on the City's IPM plan, the precautionary principle)
- Target audience (homeowners, resistant to change, middle of the fence (need more information and could be swayed), environmentally passionate, not using any form of pest management, business community, students (influence habits at young age, broader community)
- LEABs role – help with research, share information during implementation i.e. at Business expos, schools, info table at library, table at Arbor day.
- Link to other projects – i.e. communities in bloom, pollinator garden, arbor day
- Brainstorming – link to strong resources on website, printed materials as takeaways, tie to Green Gold
- Comms – will look into school connections, look up City's with good messaging – Wendy gave some good examples of some of the ones LEAB reviewed.

**Telford Berms and Buffers**

- There was an open house last week put on by the planning and development department.
- Engagement just started mid-May.
- MDP Engagement slides have been added to the shared folder – with the caveat:
- There is still time to provide input - they are working through their list of stakeholders – they have flexibility to move the “what we heard” report to later in the fall to allow for LEAB feedback.
- Development can plan to present in September – the Council approval process is expected to start sometime in October or later.
- Any initial comments/feedback that you want me to share in advance please let Shelby know or feel free to send her an email.

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- Shelby to ask Development/Planning how soon development is expected to start moving forward around Telford Lake
- Wendy/Alysha will circulate the Environmentally Significant Areas Report and the Wildlife Corridor Report

**Light Efficiency Community**

- The decision was made to organize another library display.

**Environmental Plan**

- Had our kick-off meeting on Monday. We are all very excited about shaping Leduc's environmental goals for the next ten years. They are going to do a baseline review of what we have accomplished so far and create an engagement strategy. Engagement with Council and the community will be conducted.
- There is potential for LEAB interviews in the coming months, maybe similar to the pesticides campaign.

***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.

**NEW  
BUSINESS**

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

- Starting stakeholder workshops and interviews mid June – want to get an idea of what benefits or barriers exist for them so we can consider that in the bylaw development – we will be requiring organics and recycling diversion – but their feedback will help us understand what tools they might need for support.

**Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)**

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- No update.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Volunteer fest**

- Volunteer Fest takes place Sept 10th – table space is free for all community groups and we get 20 tickets for the board and volunteers for food/drink. Citizens of distinction will be happening here too.
  - o When: Sunday Sept. 10, 2023
  - o Where: Stone Barn Garden Area
  - o Time: 1 – 4 PM
- LEAB will have a table at this year's volunteer fest.
- Mindy and Ben volunteered to attend.

**RCA Conference**

- LEAB would like to send 2 members to the RCA conference this year October 18th – 20<sup>th</sup>. Please think about if you would like to attend and let the board know.
- Ben would like to attend
- A City representative will also be attending.

**Vulcraft**

- Vulcraft attended Arbour Day and would like to volunteer for more tree planting.
- Shelby to reach out to Brent and see if there is any tree planting being done that Vulcraft can volunteer their time and help plant.

**OPEN  
DISCUSSION**

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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**47/2023**

**MOTION:** it was moved by Lars to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

**NEXT MEETING**

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**MOTION CARRIED**

The next meeting will be held on September 12, 2023 Telford Street Board Room

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Chair

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