

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
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**REGULAR MINUTES** Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held Tuesday, September 8, 2020 GoToMeeting, Leduc, AB

**PRESENT:** Councillor Lars Hansen  
Sheila Ruddy (teleconference)  
Jennifer Roach  
Benjamin McDonald  
Wendy Yule  
Lynne Chalmers  
April Ziegler  
Brittany Onysyk

**WITH REGRETS:** Thorren Koopmans

**ALSO PRESENT:** Kerra Chomlak – City Representative  
Shirley Weslosky – Recording Secretary  
Juanita Marinus – Leduc Resident  
7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.

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

Sheila Ruddy called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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Chairperson Sheila Ruddy will start the meeting with New Business.  
**Motion:** It was **Moved** by Lynn Chalmers to approve the September 8, 2020 agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES III. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES**

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**Motion:** It was **Moved** by Jennifer Roach to accept the regular meeting minutes of June 9, 2020 as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**IV. SAFETY MOMENT**

- Back to School Traffic
  - Obey speed limits
  - Watch for school limits and signs
  - The sun is lower this time of year so be careful when driving.
  - Be mindful of kids walking or on their scooters, and bikes.

**REPORTS V. REPORTS**

A. Chairman's Report

- Clean Energy Improvement Program was presented to Council on July 6, 2020. It was well received, there was good questions asked along with concerns. The Municipal Climate Change Action Centre

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is doing a market study for Leduc and they estimated about thirty residents a year would be interested in this program. There are a lot of benefits for this program to help strengthen our economy and create jobs.

- Next Steps;
  1. Circulate the market study to LEAB.
  2. Bylaw has to be passed by Council before we can apply for the grant.

**B. Council Report**

- There were only two Council meetings over the summer.
- This summer has been very busy with inquiries from residents.
- COVID-19 recovery planning continues regarding businesses, attendance for activities. A survey on mandatory masks went out to Leduc residents and it was a great response from residents with about 50% of residents wanting to make mask wearing mandatory and 50% not wanting masks mandatory. Council had to consider, and compromise the results that Leduc residents wanted. They decided that when Leduc has 10 cases of COVID-19 then masks will be mandatory.
- Derek Prohar, City Manager started with the City of Leduc.
- Budget process will begin shortly the one item that will be added discussed is the west end community gardens.

**C. Administration's Report**

- Arbour Day was cancelled due to COVID -19; the budget used to purchase 20 larger trees and will be placed in North Telford along the multiway.
- City of Leduc won an award for their Eco Station from Alberta Recycling Management Authority (ARMA); it is a Collection Site of Excellence Award for municipalities over 20,000 and is based on site accessibility, cleanliness, safety and appropriate signage and reporting. The building has solar panels and is net zero for power.
- RCMP building upgrade will have solar panels by the end of this year.

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

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**INFORMATION ITEM**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**VI. APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

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

MOTION CARRIED

**VII. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- No update

**VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Pollinator Garden Challenge – Update from sub-committee**

- Sign up has been slow this year with only 10 people participating.

**B. Single Use Plastics – Bylaw**

- Draft bylaw will be sent out to LEAB in October 2020.

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- With COVID -19 a lot of target have been pushed back at a national level.
- There was a new paper that noted only 48 percent of people were for a ban, and 52 percent asked that plastic bands be put off until COVID -19 is over.
- Other municipalities in the region have a pending bylaw on plastic bags.
- LEAB would like to pursue this initiative and will revisit the status in the new year.

**NEW  
BUSINESS**

**IX. NEW BUSINESS**

**A. Spraying fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides in Leduc – Juanita Marinus, Leduc Resident.**

- LEAB Information report was presented to the board to ask questions and how to move forward with residents using fertilizers, herbicides and pesticides on private property.
- LEAB has discussed the fertilizer, pesticides and herbicide issue in the past, considering potential bans, or pesticide-free initiatives. The Integrated Pest Management Plan passed by Council in 2018 focusses on public lands.
- LEAB would like to see education and signage for Leduc residents and check business licenses for the companies that are spraying.
- Companies are not limited on how many applications per yard per year; some are offering up to 5 applications and there are various mixtures of fertilizer and weed control chemicals.
- Several spray companies do an automatic renewal for the following year. You have to call to specifically cancel your order.
- Companies do not put dates on the signage that they leave on the front lawns that they spray, providing residents and neighbors with no information regarding dates or chemical type.
- There is no choice for someone living in Leduc to have their neighbours spray or not spray.
- LEAB could consider rules allowing spraying in one neighborhood at one time.
- LEAB could also promote to companies and residents more natural methods of weed control. This has been done with mosquito control with spraying garlic juice.
- In April and May many companies were not spraying due to COVID -19, and more insects were observed at various neighbourhoods in Leduc. When they resumed spraying in June, declined in insects were observed in yards and gardens.
- Another issue with some company signs is litter after a windy day.
- Biking and walking around Telford Lake, a smell was observed and it burns the eyes.



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- The biggest issue is that people are not aware what they are spraying on their lawn. Residents should be educated on what is being sprayed.
- LEAB feel that they need to do their own research to see what is within our control to reduce the impact. Is it an education campaign, a bylaw?
- LEAB agreed to form a Sub-Group to research other municipalities and potential options. Members: Sheila Ruddy, Jennifer Roach, Wendy Yule, Kerra Chomlak and Juanita Marinus.

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**Action Shirley Weslosky:** Set up a sub-group meeting. This group will bring more information and recommendations to the October LEAB meeting.

- B. Community Gardens - Potential new location West end of Leduc.
- Community Gardens will be brought forward at the next Council budget meeting and they are looking at putting the gardens in the Deer Valley area.
  - This is an affordable way to do recreation activity for families in the community, especially during COVID.
  - Southfork Community gardens is managed by a group of residents.

Action: Kerra Chomlak will get LEAB an update on the status of the permanency of Southfork Gardens and future development plans in that area.

- C. Spring Bird Count - Information from Andy Tait, this email was sent to LEAB August 5, 2020.  
-LEAB would like to send a formal Thank You to Andy Tait for his continued commitment to this event, including promotion, participation, data entry and report writing on a volunteer basis.
- D. Urban Bee Keeping can be bad for wild bees – See urban bee keeping article.
- Honey bees compete and take over the bee population. This is something we should factor in when describing the benefits of hens and bees program.
- E. Green House Gas Plan – Update from sub-committee (as time allows)
- Update from the sub-committee - Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP, or PACE) was the main action in the GHG Plan, and on the sub-committee list.
  - The committee will continue to monitor solar powered city buildings.
  - Electric bikes will still be looked at in the future.
  - Waste reduction ICI Multi-Family waste reduction pilot project will start in January.

Action: Kerra Chomlak would like to have Shelby Willis, Environmental Project Manager, present ICI Multi-Family waste reduction to LEAB in the October.

**OPEN  
DISCUSSION**

**X. OPEN DISCUSSION**

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- The Environmental Plan will be ten years old in 2021. A consultation should be planned with Council, LEAB and the general public so a new plan can be in place in 2022.

**ADJOURNMENT**

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**XI. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** it was **Moved** by Sheila Ruddy to adjourn the meeting at 8:49 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

**XII. NEXT MEETING** October 13, 2020

*S. Ruddy*

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Chairperson

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Recording Secretary

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