

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, April 14, 2020
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REGULAR MINUTES Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held by GoTo Meeting video/teleconference on Tuesday, April 14, 2020

PRESENT: Councillor Glen Finstad
Sheila Ruddy
Thorren Koopmans
Jennifer Roach
Benjamin McDonald
Wendy Yule
Lynne Chalmers
April Ziegler
Brittany Onysyk

WITH REGRETS: Councillor Lars Hansen

ALSO PRESENT: Kerra Chomlak – City Representative
Shirley Weslosky – Recording Secretary
Jenna Chernuka – City Representative

CALL TO ORDER

I. CALL TO ORDER

Sheila Ruddy called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

Action: Shirley Weslosky will add a safety moment to the all future agendas as per LEAB's request.

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

The draft Environmental Progress Report was added to the agenda under VII. New Business. B.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

Motion: It was **Moved** by Ben McDonald to approve the April 14, 2020 agenda as amended.

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MOTION CARRIED

III. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Motion: It was **Moved** by Lynn Chalmers to accept the regular meeting minutes of March 10, 2020 as circulated. MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
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REPORTS

IV. REPORTS

A. Chairman's Report

- Covid-19 Sheila Ruddy shared an article containing 10 tips to manage environmental risk during uncertain times.

B. Council Report

- Council meetings are streaming live for the public. The meeting is held in Council Chambers. In the meeting Council members along with the City Clerk are social distancing due to Covid-19.
- There will be a zero percent tax increase due to Covid-19.
- Utility bill payments can be deferred until August for people experiencing hardship due to Covid-19.

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- The City of Leduc temporarily laid off one hundred employees due to Covid- 19. Most are Leduc Recreation Centre employees.
- The City of Leduc has postponed some capital projects due to Covid-19.

C. Administration's Report

- Pandemic plans are in place for the management of waste, cemetery and capital projects in the City of Leduc.
- During the first two weeks of the pandemic, city staff made sure the contractors were implementing safe work procedures and that collection services would continue as an essential service.
- The Eco Station was closed when other city facilities were closed. Emergency bins are available for blue bags, cardboard, organics and waste; they are near the Eco Station entrance. Residents can also access most recycling services at the Leduc and District Regional Waste Management Facility, and the need for a resident card has been deferred for this period.
- We are looking at a longer term for the pandemic and are tracking waste volumes and cross training on different jobs, such as cemetery.
- The City of Leduc is hoping to continue the ICI and multi-family waste diversion program in 2020. LEAB can guide this program with a sub-committee and review the work plan.

**APPROVAL OF
REPORTS**

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**INFORMATION
ITEM**

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

V. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

MOTION CARRIED

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- Recent communications with other officials and organizations seem positive that extended producer responsibility could come to fruition in Alberta next fall.
- Community gardens will be open to residents this year.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Cancelled or Postponed Events due to Covid-19

- Volunteer Fair – Postponed
- Chamber Business Expo - New date for Oct 17 &18
- Arbour Day – Postponed until fall
- Green Gold Event – Postponed
- Peter Puffin Performance – Could be Postponed, or cancelled. Administrative are looking into a live video or YouTube video for grade fours. LEAB liked this idea.
- Telford Pollinator Garden planting June 4 – Could be Postponed or Cancelled

B. Bees and Hens Pilot Program Update

- The Library information session was a success.

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- Training was a part of the application for this program, nothing was available on line before Covid-19 for training. Council has asked to postpone the project until 2021 as it does take a lot of interaction and training.

C. Pollinator Garden Challenge

- Identify any changes that need to be completed for the online program.
- LEAB were in agreement that at this time targeting businesses is not a good idea. They would like to see the focus on family and kids since they are all at home due to Covid-19.

Action: Lynne Chalmers will put together a list of greenhouses together.

D. Single Use Plastics

- Sheila will have the Bylaw reviewed within the next week.
- LEAB would like to have a Regional approach if not a Provincial approach on single use plastics.
- Council has agreed single use plastics will be postponed until 2021/2022.
- Retail Council of Canada will continue to be consulted on this after the pandemic is over.
- LEAB would like to talk about the timelines at the next meeting.

E. Green House Gas Plan – Review status of actions

- The 2019 Progress Report has the target of 3 percent and it talks about the actions that the City of Leduc has taken on GHG.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budgeting for priority projects

- Revisit the budget at the next meeting.

Action: Jenna Chernuka, Environmental Inspector, will find the virtual courses on Bees and Hens and Shirley Weslosky will send courses out to LEAB.

B. Environmental Progress Report

- The draft report was circulated to LEAB members for their review and comments to Kerra by the end of the week.

**OPEN
DISCUSSION**

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION

- No update

ADJOURNMENT

X. ADJOURNMENT

Motion: it was **Moved** by Lynne Chalmers to adjourn the meeting at 8:46 p.m.
MOTION CARRIED

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XI. NEXT MEETING May 12, 2020

Chairperson: *Shirley*

Recording Secretary: *Weslosky*