

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
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REGULAR MINUTES Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held Tuesday, January 14, 2020 at the City of Leduc, Civic Centre, Telford Street Board Room, #1 Alexandra Park, 46 Avenue & 48A Street, Leduc, AB

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

WITH REGRETS: Thorren Koopmans

ALSO PRESENT: Kerra Chomlak – City Representative
Shirley Weslosky – Recording Secretary
Tristan Pedersen – Resident, City of Leduc

CALL TO ORDER

I. CALL TO ORDER

Ben McDonald called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

04/2020

Motion: It was **Moved** by April Ziegler to approve the January 14, 2020 agenda as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

III. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

05/2020

Motion: It was **Moved** by Brittany Onysyk to accept the regular meeting minutes of December 10, 2019 as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

IV. REPORTS

Chairman's Report

- No Update

Council's Report

- Strategic planning will be held in February, and Councillor Hansen will be advocating for implementation of the GHG action plan as a Council priority.

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**APPROVAL OF
REPORTS**

06/2020

- As tree planting is part of the GHG action plan, a second tree planting day may be considered as a cost effective, community building event. Administration should look at grant funding, or a surplus could help pay for costs of an additional planting event.

Administration's Report

- LEAB budget was reviewed with the LEAB members.

V. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

**INFORMATION
ITEM**

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

MOTION CARRIED

VI. INFORMATION ITEMS

- A pilot project in Whitby, Ontario, is using technology to give plastic waste a second life by turning it into diesel fuel and gasoline.
- All of the garbage trucks in Toronto will soon be powered by the biogas from the trash they collect.
- Countries of Malta and Jordan are using solar power to heat their huts.

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

- A. Single Use Plastics – Report back from presentation to Council, December 2019. Discuss next steps.
- Council was impressed at the report that LEAB presented to Council, and commended the board on a great job.
 - Two key points of feedback from Council were: consult with local businesses to address their needs; and ensure alignment with other municipalities in the region.
 - Next steps are to draft a consultation plan, then have LEAB review the draft plan.
 - One idea was to put up a board and use sticky notes to hear what the public has to say, e.g. in a public location such as LRC, similar to other engagement processes in Leduc.
 - LEAB discussed how phase one should be to move forward with banning check out bags and phase two should be the removal of straws and other single use plastics. LEAB would like to look at Industrial, Commercial, Institutional and Multi-Family (ICI/MF) waste reduction in conjunction with the plastic bag ban.
- B. Bees and Hens pilot project update
- The City of Leduc will be having an information session in March for residents that are interested in having bees and hens in their backyards.
- C. Citizen of Distinction Awards 2020
- Nomination deadline will be February 7, 2020.

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- April Ziegler will represent LEAB and be on the Citizen of Distinction Committee.

D. Christmas Bird Count – results

- There was an increase in participation in 2019 with 24 participants.
- Total number of birds in 2019: 1,303.
- Total number of species identified: 21.
- Caroline Nosyk was the random prize winner of the bird feeder.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

A. LEAB priorities as discussed in November Strategic Planning:

Review tasks and form sub-groups if required; best to select a few key topics to make progress on.

- LEAB confirmed the following list of priorities for 2020:
 - Hens and bees pilot project
 - Pollinator Challenge and Bee City designation (application, Council resolution, sign or art display) – aim to present this to Council in May.
 - Business and multi-family (ICI/MF) recycling and organics diversion and single use plastics.
 - The regular events that are running efficiently and effectively: Arbour Day, Grade 4 Theatre Production, Bird Counts, Festival of Trees
- The secondary list of topics to be addressed if time allows:
 - Urban tree removal and replacement policy/bylaw
 - Pesticide policy – there is an integrated pest management plan on the Leduc website if LEAB have any questions please bring them back to the next meeting.

Action: Kerra Chomlak will send the Bee City designation information to April Ziegler.

Action: Pollinator Garden Challenge on next agenda to set up a sub-committee

Action: Shirley Weslosky to look into the million pollinator garden challenge for the wind up event. Find out if residents can sign up in the fall for the million pollinator garden challenge.

LEAB would like administration to consider a workshop, or a side craft at Arbour Day to build bee hotels.

Action: Shirley Weslosky to add GHG action plan status update at a future LEAB meeting.

B. Volunteer Fair March 21, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

- Location is at the Civic Centre Atrium
- Set up 8:00 a.m. – 9:00 a.m.
- LEAB members to work the booth
- Booth Display Arbour Day, Spring Bird Count and Pollinator Garden Challenge.

Action: Shirley Weslosky will look into this further and bring back to the February meeting.

C. Review Key Event Dates for 2020

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- Chamber Business Expo – April 18 &19
- Arbour Day - May 9
- Spring Bird Count - June 1-7
- Grade Four Theatre Production – June 1
- Telford Lake Pollinator Planting 2020 – June
- Fall Community Registration Day – August
- Pollinator Garden Challenge Celebration – September
- Festival of Trees – November
- Christmas Bird Count – December

OPEN
DISCUSSION

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION

ADJOURNMENT

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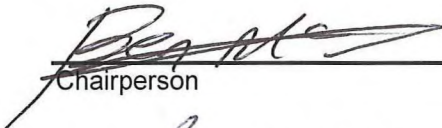
07/2020

Motion: it was Moved by Lynne Chalmers to adjourn the meeting at 8:48 p.m.


MOTION CARRIED

XI. NEXT MEETING FEBRUARY 11, 2020

- Group Photo at this meeting



Chairperson



Recording Secretary