

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, JUNE 9, 2020
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REGULAR MINUTES Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held Tuesday, June 9, 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
Carlee Beaver – Program Manager, Energy Efficiency Alberta. 7:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Barbara Daly – Senior Project Manager, City Environmental Strategies, City of Edmonton 7:00p.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Erika de Ruitter – Resident Joined the meeting at 8:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

CALL TO ORDER

I. CALL TO ORDER

Sheila Ruddy called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Chairperson Sheila Ruddy started the meeting with New Business.

Motion: It was **Moved** by Lynne Chalmers to approve the June 9, 2020 agenda as amended.

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MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

III. APPROVAL OF LAST MEETING MINUTES

Motion: It was **Moved** by Wendy Yule to accept the regular meeting minutes of May 12, 2020 as circulated.

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MOTION CARRIED

IV. SAFETY MOMENT

- Take caution when using hand sanitizer
 - Extremely flammable
 - Poisonous
 - Should not be stored in heat
 - No smoking when using hand sanitizer
 - Do not store near electrical outlets

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REPORTS

V. REPORTS

A. Chairman's Report

- How to Improve Energy Efficiency in Recreation Facilities Webinar (May 26, 2020)
 - Presented by the Municipal Climate Change Action Centre and the City of Leduc.
 - Focus on how to reduce costs and greenhouse gas emissions in existing Municipally-owned recreation focused facilities with high energy consuming systems (e.g., arenas, curling rinks, aquatic centres, swimming pools, dry sport centres, multiplexes)
 - City of Leduc's lighting retrofit cost \$806,000 with \$604,000 in grant funding resulting in a reduction of 478 tCO₂e
 - Leduc Recreation Centre is one of the largest projects funded through MCCAC

B. Council Report

- Budget 2021 overview
 - Council heard from the City of Leduc Corporate Services, Community Protective Services, and Infrastructure Planning for the 2021 Budget Overview.
 - Will be a tough budget year, due to loss of revenue from COVID-19 related facility/program closures and tax payment deferrals.
 - There is uncertainty around potential funding support from the federal/provincial government.
- COVID-19 Recovery
 - Councillor Lars Hansen is chairing the Community and Social Services Task Force (CSS TF)
 - CSS TF put out a survey to all community and social external organizations.
 - There have been Council meetings on resources for organizations that are having financial pressures from COVID-19.
 - In two weeks Council will have a meeting, sharing the common themes they found from the survey of all community and social external organizations. Will go over next steps there. The goal is to help return organizations to 100% service level/capacity.
- Councillor Lazowski is chairing our Economic Recovery TF
- At the last council meeting, Councillor Hansen brought forward the need to institute a buy-local campaign to help struggling small businesses.
- Data shows every \$1 spent in our community at small businesses have a "multiplier effect" where those business owners then re-invest it in our community. There is lots of

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benefit in instituting a buy-local campaign to encourage our residents to shop locally. The Economic Recovery TF said they would take this on, and it looks like they will be rolling out a buy-local campaign to assist small businesses through the recovery phase of COVID-19.

C. Administration's Report

- Environment week was held June 1-7, 2020 the events held were;
 - Peter Puffin's 3 video performances were shared virtually with all principals and grade 4 teachers in Leduc for distribution to their students
 - Spring Bird Count
 - Leduc Pollinator Garden Challenge continues
 - Telford Pollinator Garden Planting was conducted by Parks staff near Telford Community Gardens
- Administration is working on interpretive signage for around Telford Lake.
- Wetland enhancement in October or November.

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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INFORMATION ITEM

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

VI. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

Motion: It was **Moved** by Benjamin McDonald 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

- There are not many participants registered this year.
- LEAB pollinator garden sub-committee would like to meet at the end of August early September to discuss an end of year event.

B. Green House Gas Plan – Update from sub-committee

The focus was on four actions:

- LEAB would like communication for residents on active transport benefits, could link with bike safety
- The city is doing a good job on implementing Solar Power where possible in new facilities.
- Variable size waste/organics carts for residents will be discussed again next year.
- The Clean Energy Improvement program (CEIP), formerly, PACE will be the priority to recommend to Council that they move it forward.

C. Single Use Plastics – Bylaw

- Draft bylaw will be ready for the September meeting for review and further discussion.

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**NEW
BUSINESS**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) formally known as PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy)
- a. Presentation by Carlee Beaver Program Manager, Energy Efficiency Alberta; Overview of the CEIP Program.
- Energy Efficiency of Alberta (EEA) is overseeing the implementation of the PACE program in Alberta
 - Property-Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) program to make it more affordable for residential and commercial building's to upgrade their building's energy performance, install renewable energy systems, and reduce resource consumption.
 - How do municipalities benefit?
 - Local Jobs
 - Increased Property Values
 - Deeper Energy Savings
 - Sustainability Goals
 - How do property owners benefit?
 - Low cost up front financing
 - Long, flexible repayment periods
 - Utility bill savings
 - Transferability
 - Increase property values
 - Energy cost savings and GHG emission reductions
 - Legislation overview;
 - Municipalities must pass a bylaw to establish the program.
 - Participant and Property Eligibility
 - Project Eligibility
 - Heating, ventilation and air conditioning
 - Indoor and outdoor lighting an controls
 - Water heating
 - Whole building, including insulation and windows
 - Commercial kitchen and refrigeration
 - Solar PV and Thermal Energy
 - Combined heat and power
- b. Presentation by Barbara Daly, Senior Project Manager, City Environmental Strategies, City of Edmonton: Implementing the CEIP Program.
- City of Edmonton started with citizen engagement and outreach.
 - Council passed a resolution in January 2019 to do pilot program
 - The City of Edmonton is hoping to launch in 2021
 - They have their bylaws drafted and contracts drafted and are willing to share with the City of Leduc and LEAB.

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- The rebates they have in place are;
 - Solar rebate
 - Commercial Energy rebate
 - Electric Vehicle rebate
 - Electric bike rebate

- c. LEAB discussion on next steps
 - Council Report prepared for July 6, 2020
 - FCM funding and grants should be clarified and looked into.
 - Alberta Energy Efficiency's role in the program should be clarified.
 - LEAB could provide advice on the program design.
 - LEAB will recommend that City Council allocates the appropriate resources.
 - Arrange a presentation by EEA for City Council.

**OPEN
DISCUSSION**

- X. OPEN DISCUSSION
- No update

ADJOURNMENT

XI. ADJOURNMENT

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Motion: it was **Moved** by Sheila Ruddy to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

XII. NEXT MEETING September 8, 2020

Chairperson

Recording Secretary

Sheila Ruddy

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