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**REGULAR MINUTES** Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held Tuesday, March 10, 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 (teleconference)  
Thorren Koopmans  
Jennifer Roach  
Benjamin McDonald  
Wendy Yule  
Lynne Chalmers

**WITH REGRETS:** April Ziegler  
Brittany Onysyk

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

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

Sheila Ruddy called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**  
New Business addition - Green Gold Event

14/2020

**Motion:** It was **Moved** by Jennifer Roach to approve the March 10, 2020 agenda as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

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

15/2020

**Motion:** It was **Moved** by Lynne Chalmers to accept the regular meeting minutes of February 11, 2020 as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**REPORTS IV. REPORTS**

A. Chairman's Report

- City of Leduc launched a new app, helping residents understand everything they need to know about recycling. App is to replace the Sort Smarter app with some new features including being able to pair with voice command technology.
- The Good Report (sent in by Lynne Chalmers)  
Alberta produces 40 per cent of Canada's honey. It's a \$60-million chunk of a multibillion-dollar industry worldwide. Bees are dying. One of the culprits is a fungal infection called Nosema ceranae —

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an invasive parasite that affects bees around the world and decimates entire colonies. With the investment of donors, a U of A student research team is helping to protect honeybees and a multimillion-dollar Alberta industry.

- Calgary-based MgO Systems awarded \$1-million grant for reducing plastic pollution – Global News
- 20 Alberta Parks slated for full or partial closures – Global News
- New program helps keep organic waste out of landfills (British Columbia) – BC Government News.
- City of Montreal expands composting to highrise apartment buildings in select boroughs – Global News
- Composting in schools: Montreal aims to be zero waste by 2030 – Global News
- 3D printing shop creating solution for plastic waste (Saskatoon, SK) – Global News
- Carbon emissions from global power sector mark biggest fall as electricity producers move away from coal –Global News
- CEPA Amendment - Parliament of Canada

**B. Council Report**

- The Youth Council conducted strategic planning and they agreed to three top priorities, one of which is environment.
- Youth Council would like to collaborate with LEAB; a presentation could be provided to the Council.
- Leduc Council voted to join the Regional Transit Services Commission (RTSC) combining transit services of 13 municipalities. This will be one service provider for all the municipalities. The change in service will be a cost savings and transit reduces greenhouse gases.
- The Edmonton Metropolitan Region Board presented at a recent council meeting and they are creating committees on solid waste, storm water, emergency services and fire services.

**Administration's Report**

- New environmental inspector Jenna Chernuka starts on March 2020. Key projects will include bees and hens, waste reduction in businesses and apartments and residential lot grading.
- LEAB budget was discussed and the 2019 pollinator garden challenge budget was presented.

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**Motion:** It was **Moved** by Jennifer Roach to reduce the training budget to increase the budget for the pollinator garden and other priority projects, similar to the 2019 approach.

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF  
REPORTS**

**V. APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

17/2020

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

MOTION CARRIED

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**INFORMATION  
ITEM**

**VI. INFORMATION ITEMS**

- It was suggested by LEAB member to watch "The Biggest Little Farm" on Netflix or "Rotten on Bees and Honey"

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

**VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**A. Single Use Plastics**

- Planning for consultation

**Action:** Kerra Chomlak will bring draft consultation plan to the next meeting.

**Action:** Sheila Ruddy will look at other municipalities bylaws and bring back information to the LEAB meeting in April.

**Action:** Kerra Chomlak will get a Council meeting date for LEAB to present.

**B. Bees and Hens pilot project update**

- Bees and Hens information session at the Library March 11, 2020 at 7:00 p.m.

**C. Volunteer Fair Saturday, March 21, 2020 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

- Location is at the Civic Centre Atrium
- Booth Display will include Arbour Day, Spring Bird Count, Pollinator Garden Challenge, and Bees and Hens pilot program.
- LEAB members working the booth, see sign-up sheet.

**D. Pollinator Garden Challenge**

**Update from sub-committee:**

- Target local businesses on the Pollinator Garden Challenge
- One-page promotional sheet "the threes" with four prizes for best garden, 1. business, 2. kids 3. youth 4. individual.
- Information package for local businesses to have gardens on their roof top, window boxes, planters.

**Action:** Sheila Ruddy will send out the draft of the business and information package before the LEAB meeting in April.

- Subcommittee would like to issue a certificate for all of the participants when they register.
- Subcommittee would like to do a presentation for the Down Town Business (DBA).
- Gifts will be the bee hotels.
- The wind up will take place at the Civic Centre Atrium on September 19, 2020.
- Horticultural society is holding a meeting on "bees" March 25, 2020 at Telford House, 7:00 p.m.

**E. Bee City Application**

- Review application
- Discuss timing as it relates to bees and hens pilot program.
- This will be on hold until the bee pilot program is completed.



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**NEW  
BUSINESS**

**VIII. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Green House Gas Plan – Review status of actions

- LEAB are accepting the 3% target in Leduc.
- LEAB would like to increase amount of trees the city plants every year during Arbour Day.
- Ben McDonald, Wendy Yule, and Lars Hansen would be interested in discussing the GHG plan further with Kerra Chomlak at a follow up meeting.

B. Youth Council - They have requested a LEAB member(s) attend their next meeting Thursday April 9, 2020 at 7:30 p.m.

- Sheila will attend the meeting to discuss the top projects that LEAB is initiating.

C. Group Photo

D. Green Gold Event at RONA

- Bee hotels and bee butterfly hotels would be a good discounted item for City of Leduc to partner with RONA this year.

**OPEN  
DISCUSSION**

**IX. OPEN DISCUSSION**

- No update

**ADJOURNMENT**

**X. ADJOURNMENT**

**Motion:** it was **Moved** by Lynne Chalmers to adjourn the meeting at 8:57 p.m.

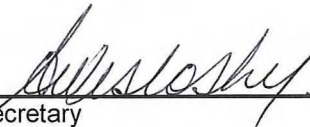
**MOTION CARRIED**

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**XI. NEXT MEETING April 14, 2020**



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Chairperson



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Recording Secretary