

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020  
PAGE 1**

---

**REGULAR MINUTES** Minutes of the **LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD** Regular Meeting held Tuesday, May 12, 2020 GoToMeeting, Leduc, AB

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

**WITH REGRETS:**

**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 7:04 p.m.

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

23/2020

Add to unfinished business item D - The single use plastic band  
**Motion:** It was **Moved** by Wendy Yule to approve the May 12, 2020 agenda as amended.

MOTION CARRIED

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

24/2020

**Motion:** It was **Moved** by Jennifer Roach to accept the regular meeting minutes of April 14, 2020 as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**REPORTS IV. REPORTS**

A. Chairman's Report  
• No update

B. Council Report  
• Councillor Hansen shared an article regarding the Province of Alberta approves expanded electronics recycling pilot to help municipalities divert more reusable material from landfills.  
• The City of Edmonton has mapped out all of their trees in Edmonton. To see the map you can google yegTreeMap or [www.opentreemap.org/edmonton/map/](http://www.opentreemap.org/edmonton/map/)  
• Regarding COVID -19, the City has created three task forces. Councillor Lars Hansen and Councillor Laura Tillack are on the Community and Social Services task force.

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020  
PAGE 2**

---

- The City has budgeted to plant 600 trees per year in the past and this year it'll double so we can have two Arbour days in 2021, or a two day event.

C. Administration's Report

- Alberta Recycling's announcement refers to expanded electronics recycling products including: audio visual equipment, telecom, cell phone and wireless devices, electronic gaming equipment, small home appliances, portable power tools, toys, musical instruments and solar panels. There will be no cost to consumers to recycle the additional products during the pilot.
- ECO Station has been very busy since reopening, we have seen close to 300 cars in one day.
- Landfill is busy with residential traffic during this time.
- Budget was presented to LEAB members, there will be a savings of \$450.00 from the Peter Puffin performance this year as we are not renting the Maclab Centre for the Performing Arts due to Covid-19.
- If anyone is interested in training courses on the website please let Shirley Weslosky know.

**APPROVAL OF  
REPORTS**

25/2020

V. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

MOTION CARRIED

VI. Safety Moment

May is electrical safety month in the US. With a lot of people working from home here are some safety tips;

- Don't over load the computers use the correct cords to plug them in.
- Un-plug when you are not using small appliances.
- Check your electrical cords to ensure they are in good shape and not fraying.
- Turn off or unplug your space heater.
- Keep paper away from heaters.
- Check your smoke alarms to ensure they are working. Remember to change batteries every year and replace them every 8-10 years.

**INFORMATION  
ITEM**

VII. INFORMATION ITEMS

- One option to explore is "no mow May" next year to help the pollinators flourish.

**UNFINISHED  
BUSINESS**

VIII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

A. Cancelled or Postponed Events due to Covid-19

- Peter Puffin Presentation – Peter Puffin will be making up 3 short videos that city administration can send to the city of Leduc grade four teachers. The videos will be tailored to the City of Leduc enviro program.
- CIRD (Community Information Registration Day - August 27

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD**  
**REGULAR MEETING**  
**TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020**  
**PAGE 3**

---

- Telford Pollinator Garden – This event will be held in June. Public Services will be planting this year without volunteers from LEAB and the Nisku, Leduc Rotary Club due to Covid-19.
  - Arbour Day – September 12
  - Pollinator Garden Challenge windup - September 19
  - Volunteer Appreciation Banquet – September 24
  - Toxic Round up - October 3
  - Business Expo - October 17 & 18
  - Festival of Trees – November - TBD
  - Green & Gold at RONA – TBD
- B. Pollinator Garden Challenge – Update from sub-committee
- 600 packages of seeds have been given away at the Eco Station.
- C. Green House Gas Plan – Update from sub-committee
- Sub-committee reviewed the GHG Plan and identified four areas to raise to LEAB for further consideration:
    - 1. Alternative Transport:
    - People need to be provided with a safe, viable alternative to single occupancy vehicle travel.
    - Educate and incent alternatives –citizens need to be aware of and motivated to choose alternative transportation modes. Financial and non-financial incentives make it faster, less expensive, and/or easier to choose alternatives.
    - Have walking and biking maps for the trails available for the public.
    - Partnering with a bike shops to reuse bikes or have a bicycle loan program in Leduc.
    - Consider a bike share program in the future.
    - Offer cycling skills training.
    - Have an active transport strategy that communications can promote.
    - 2. Solar and Green Building Standards:
    - The plan calls for a green building standard to have all new City buildings solar-ready.
    - The City of Leduc Eco Station is solar powered, LRC expansion is not in the plan yet, protective service building solar will be installed by the end of the year.
    - 3. Variable Cart sizes for waste
    - St. Albert has a hotline where they change the size of bin for residents. They can have a smaller waste bin and pay less.
    - 4. Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) formerly known as PACE (Property Assessed Clean Energy)
    - This program has significant potential for GHG reductions.
    - The LEAB is supportive of exploring these topics. The subcommittee should come back to LEAB with more details on a workplan and timelines.

**Action:** Kerra Chomlak will provide to LEAB the stats on how many City of Leduc residents work in Leduc.



**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2020  
PAGE 4**

---

D. Single use plastics – Bylaw

- Sheila had prepared a detailed summary of bylaws and considerations in other municipalities on single use plastics.
- Devon did not include paper bags in the definition.
- Thickness or weight capacity are in some definitions.
- Some jurisdictions do not allow paper bags at all.
- Need clarity on what would be exempted from the bylaw such as food services, catering, take out, newspapers, produce bags, tobacco products and tires.
- Some jurisdictions allowed a timeline of 9 months to get rid of the plastic bags that stores have on hand.

**Action:** LEAB can start drafting a bylaw to recommend to council for 2021.

**Action:** LEAB members were asked to bring any suggestions to the June LEAB meeting.

**NEW  
BUSINESS**

IX. NEW BUSINESS

A. Budgeting for priority projects

- LEAB was satisfied with the budget supplied and the current list of priority topics.

B. Industrial, Commercial and Intuitional (ICI) and Multi Family waste project planning.

**Action:** Kerra Chomlak will send the ICI project timeline to LEAB members, which show the main touch points with LEAB in September to provide input on the project purpose and work plan.

**OPEN  
DISCUSSION**

X. OPEN DISCUSSION

- No update

**ADJOURNMENT**

XI. ADJOURNMENT

**Motion:** it was **Moved** by Sheila Ruddy to adjourn the meeting at 8:42 p.m.

26/2020

MOTION CARRIED

XII. NEXT MEETING June 9, 2020

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairperson

\_\_\_\_\_  
Recording Secretary

*Sheila Ruddy*

*Sheila Ruddy*