

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2022
TELFORD STREET BOARDROOM, CIVIC CENTER
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REGULAR MINUTES Minutes of the LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD Regular Meeting held Tuesday, September 13, 2022 Telford Street Boardroom, Civic Center.

PRESENT: Councillor Ryan Pollard
Wendy Yule
Lynne Chalmers
Mindy Paradis
Brittany Onysyk
Ngaire Nix
Councillor Lars Hansen
Benjamin McDonald
Amanda From Youth Council
Noah from Youth Council

WITH REGRETS: Sheila Ruddy

ALSO PRESENT: Jenna Chernuka – City Representative
Alysha Laviolette – Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER I. CALL TO ORDER

Wendy Yule called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA
35/2022**

• **APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

MOTION: It was Moved by Ngaire Nix to approve the September 13, 2022, Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES
36/2022**

• **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

MOTION: It was Moved by Lynne to accept the meeting minutes of June 21, 2022, as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

**YOUTH
COUNCIL**

Noah presented to LEAB on behalf of the Youth Council – There are 8 members on Youth Council. Youth Council's values are awareness, diversity and inclusion, support of resources, and youth engagement. The star pillars are emotional and

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physical wellness and creative expression. Subcommittee activities the Youth Council has been involved in or has coming up include: Community Clean Up in Lede park (40 participants attended), Teen Take Over at the LRC (over 500 youth attended), Rock the Rails had an excellent turn-out, influencer bursaries were given out at Volunteer Fest, and Talent Showcase is coming up on November 10th with auditions starting October 2nd.

Council term will be complete this upcoming December. Application intake will open shortly and close in November. New committee will begin January 2023. Youth Council ages are currently between 16-22. The council is seeing a gap between the ages of 13-15 and are looking for ways to fill that gap. One option to bridge that gap would be to include a junior Youth Council member. They are looking developing a succession plan.

LEAB would like to involve Youth Council in environmental initiatives where possible – youth could attend events like community clean ups, tree plantings, or pollinator garden plantings. Youth Council is also open to conducting micro clean ups during larger events to help clean up before the event is over. Going schools over the lunch hour and distributing swag and flyers was recommended as a potential way to engage youth. Information can also be shared with Principals for distribution through the schools.

**SAFETY
MOMENT**

- **SAFETY MOMENT**

- Traffic on the QE11 has increased, and there are lots of drivers speeding and driving erratically.
- Lynne witnessed an accident on the highway between an SUV and a large truck, the truck pulled out in front of the SUV and the SUV went off the road. We cannot control the reckless drivers, but how do we keep ourselves safe?
- We must be very alert on the roads.
- Next month's safety moment volunteer is Ben.

REPORTS

- **REPORTS**

- **Chair's Report**

- Attended the Treaty 6 flag-raising Aug 23rd.
- Over the summer inquired with family, friends, and even strangers about their experiences with e-scooters.
- Attended the Volunteer Fest Sept 11th and pleased to say the Leduc Lions Club won the Citizens of Distinction award in the Environmental Achievement category. There were many Leduc Lions Club members in attendance, and they were very pleased to be recognized. It should be noted that Lynne Chalmers and I submitted two nominations for Environmental achievement, the other being the Leduc Co-op grocery store for their organic waste diversion program. We will ensure that the Co-op nomination is resubmitted for next year. All LEAB members are encouraged to watch for other Leduc citizens and businesses who

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are rolling out environmental initiatives for possible future nominations.

- **Council's Report**

- There were two meetings held over the summer. Items that were discussed included de-regulating industrial parking allowing for more efficient parking design.
- Approved \$80,000 for Engineering to design new sports dome. The final budget will be reviewed November 21. Construction will begin in 2023 if passed. It will cost roughly \$10 million overall. The sports dome will be used for multiple sports.
- The Party in Alexandra Park was a success, lots of people came by and chatted. Most of Council was able to attend and received lots of engagement and feedback.
- Protective services building grand opening was held in mid-August, the building was built to accommodate 20-30 years of growth.
- Treaty 6 flag raising took place Aug 23rd, a local Metis elder came and held a smudging ceremony.
- Crime severity index in Leduc went down, some other areas have increased.
- Ukrainian flag raising took place in August.
- Telus has invested in their infrastructure.
- Sincerely Leduc – writing letters to the elderly in the community.
- Project Revving – tickets and warnings were being given out to unreasonably loud vehicles.
- Alberta Care Conference took place this month.
- Calmar Days Parade was a success.
- There were a number of successful block parties held in the summer.
- “See Click Fix” app remains very popular and residents are seeing fast response times.
- Consideration is being given to reducing speed limits to 40km/h in some residential areas.
- Positive ticketing over the summer by the RCMP – If residents were noticed doing something positive, they were getting recognized

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- In August there were some changes made to registering businesses; fee structure was established

- **Administration's Report**

- Staffing Changes:
 - Keri has accepted a new role as executive administrator for Mayor and Council. Alysha has since joined the Engineering & Environment team and will be supporting LEAB at these meetings moving forward.

 - Kerra is taking on an exciting new role as Executive Director of Climate West. The posting for Manager of Environment closed on the 8th. Administration will keep LEAB updated.

- LEAB Recruitment Process:
 - Several members' terms are up at the end of 2022. Jenn and Sheila's second terms are coming to an end (Jenn has left early). Ben, Brittany, Lynne, and Wendy's first terms are also expiring. Administration met with the Deputy City Clerk to confirm the following details.

 - October 7: Marks the campaign launch (which will include social media posts, roads signs, ads in the paper, and signage at the Leduc Cinema).

 - November 1: Application deadline (City Clerk will send an "intent for re-appointment" email to current members whose terms are expiring. If those members wish to continue sitting on the board, they can simply reply to the email confirming their interest).

 - November 3: Application packages will be emailed to the Admin Liaison, the Chair, and a Council Representative for review (emails from current members interested in maintaining their positions will be included).

 - November 7-10: Interview window.

 - November 23: Deadline for Admin Liaison, Chair, and Council Rep to select candidates (email choices to the City Clerk; from there, she will send an email to all applicants informing them of the decision either way; Administration will then follow up with each new member and send them any relevant information prior to our January meeting (Bylaw etc.)).

 - November 28: Council Reports need to be in the workflow (City Clerk will complete this).

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- December 12: Recommendations of appointments go to Council (City Clerk will complete this and then send Administration an updated board contact list).
- January 11: Orientation Session for newly appointed Board Members (current members can attend; 6:30pm in the Council Chambers with a Teams link included; brief and high level 1-1.5 hours).

**APPROVAL OF
MOTION**

37/2022

MOTION: It was moved by Brittany to send two LEAB members to the Recycling Conference of Alberta in Jasper – conference fees and accommodations included.

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
REPORTS**

38/2022

- **APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

MOTION: It was moved by Ngaire to accept the above noted reports for information purposes only.

MOTION CARRIED

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

- **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

- **Watershed and Coal Policy – Update**

- This initiative will be added to a list of topics requiring ongoing monitoring.
- Wendy will remain the lead on this initiative and continue to monitor for relevant updates and opportunities to make recommendations or get involved in other capacities.

- **Single Use Plastics – Update**

- This initiative will be added to a list of topics requiring ongoing monitoring.
- Mindy will be the lead on this initiative.
- Federal updates will be followed closely and discussions around whether local action is required will continue.

- **Pollinators and Pesticides – Update**

- This initiative will be added to a list of topics requiring action or with action items currently underway.
- Sheila will remain the lead on this with Lynne stepping in for 2023.
- Explore collaboration with Communities in Bloom for the pollinator challenge next year.
- Revisit discussions around no mow may in the spring.

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- Administration has hired Y Station to build and implement the Survey on Cosmetic Pesticide Use. They are currently drafting and revising the survey content along with building a communications strategy. In depth interviews with key stakeholders will be part of the survey process as well. Will look to include participants from LEAB, LWCS, Leduc Naturalists Society, and Communities in Bloom.

- **Green House Gas Plan/CEIP – Update**
 - This initiative will be added to a list of topics requiring action or with action items currently underway.
 - Ben will remain the lead on this initiative.
 - Some communities are now providing helmets with e-scooters and bikes. Something to consider from a safety perspective.
 - A waitlist was opened for CEIP. New applications will be accepted next year.

- **Light Efficiency Community and Telford Berms and Buffers – Update**
 - This initiative will be added to a list of topics requiring action or with action items currently underway.
 - Wendy will remain the lead on this initiative.
 - Wendy is connecting with residents in the Telford Lake area for feedback.
 - Administration is connecting with Strathcona to arrange a presentation on their Light Efficient Communities Policy updates.
 - The LWCS has started an online petition.
 - AVPA changes will likely impact development around Telford Lake. Administration connected Planning and engagement around the corresponding Municipal Development Plan amendments has been moved to early 2023. A consultant has also been hired to review the public engagement process and provide direction around how best to consult stakeholders like LEAB. Administration will stay connected with Planning and let LEAB know when they're ready to provide an update to the board. In the interim, the group is encouraged to start researching and considering what recommendations the board would like to make in preparation for the consultation process.

- **Waste Management – Business (ICI) and Multi-Unit (MU) Waste Diversion**
 - This initiative will be added to a list of topics requiring action or with action items currently underway.
 - A lead has not been assigned to this initiative.
 - The City has posted a RFP for the multi-unit waste diversion program design.

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- **Tree Protection – Policy/Bylaw**

- This initiative will be added to a list of topics requiring ongoing monitoring.
- A lead has not been assigned to this initiative.
- Administration will connect with Parks and Open Spaces to arrange a presentation on the Tree Protection Bylaw currently being worked on.

- **Environmental Plan**

- This initiative will be added to a list of topics requiring action or with action items currently underway.
- A lead has not been assigned to this initiative.
- Plan development will resume with the new Manager of Environment in place.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

- **NEW BUSINESS**

N/A

**OPEN
DISCUSSION**

- **OPEN DISCUSSION**

N/A

**ADJOURNMENT
39/2022**

- **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION: it was moved by Mindy to adjourn the meeting at 7:49 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

- **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on October 18, 2022 Telford Street Board Room



Chair



Recording Secretary

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