

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 11, 2025
TELFORD STREET BOARDROOM, CIVIC CENTER
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REGULAR MINUTES Minutes of the LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD Regular Meeting held Tuesday, March 11, 2025, Telford Street Boardroom, Civic Center.

PRESENT: Councillor Ryan Pollard
Councillor Lars Hansen
Wendy Yule
Ngaire Nix
Benjamin McDonald
James Kollmar
James Turner

VIRTUALLY: Mindy Paradis

WITH REGRETS: Michael Hancharyk – City Representative
Alena Mazur

ALSO PRESENT: Megan Bailey – City Representative
Cheri Andres – Recording Secretary

CALL TO ORDER

I. CALL TO ORDER

James T. called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

Mindy gave the Land Acknowledgement.

James K. will give the Land Acknowledgement at the April Meeting.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

6/2025

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

MOTION: It was Moved by Lars to approve the March 11, 2025, Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

7/2025

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION: It was Moved by Wendy to accept the organizational meeting minutes and regular meeting minutes of January 14, 2025, as well as the meeting minutes of February 11, 2025, as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

IV. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report

- Working on Presentation for Council for May.

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B. Council's Report

- RCMP annual update – Crime is down overall; persons crime is up-not random, persons are known to each other.
- Urban Center Redevelopment plan is available.
- Chamber of Commerce Gala took place March 1.
- Leduc Boat Club brought financial needs to Council's attention.
- Report received regarding preservation/operation of Dr. Woods House. Heritage sites need further consideration for future preservation/operation.
- Boys and Girls Club presented considerations for a Youth Center in the future, possibly in partnership with City or other organizations.
- Demonstration on updated City website.

C. Administration's Report

- LEAB annual report to Council will be in May.
- Parks Meeting on March 19 to finalize plans for Arbour Day.
- Business Expo – Chamber will not be hosting this year; will be hosting the 2025 Nisku Energy Show. As this event does not really align with LEAB's objectives, members will not be participating this year.
- New dispositions coming – Environment department is working on gathering information to submit.

**APPROVAL OF
REPORTS**

8/2025

V. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

MOTION CARRIED

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Actionable Initiatives:

A. Pollinators and Pesticides – Update

- LRC is hosting Seniors Social with Gardening theme on April 24 from 11:15-11:45 am. Megan will give short presentation and distribute information.
- Mindy may try to approach schools with information to engage more youth/children.

B. Telford Lake Natural Area – Update

- RFP is out. Numerous questions have been submitted as a result and Megan and Michael will respond to them. Deadline has been extended slightly; RFP should be awarded by mid-April.

C. Light Efficiency Community – Update

- Megan followed up on Strathcona's policy. Appears they have different departments in charge of different areas of the policy. All new builds and retrofits do not get approved by Planning unless they comply. Recommended Leduc follow their policy.

D. Hens and Bees – Update

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- Second application for hens program has been received.
- Library will host their own Hens and Bees presentation on April 9 at 6:00 pm. Megan and Alysha will be there giving a run-down of the City program and handing out materials. LEAB members are welcome to attend.

E. Annual Update to Council – Confirm Date of Presentation

- LEAB will present annual update to Council May 26.

F. Events

- **Business Expo 2025**
 - Chamber is not hosting this event this year and so LEAB will not participate. To be reviewed next year.
- **Community Clean Up 2025**
 - Consider working with Leduc Wildlife for this event. Do they have a date in mind?
 - Consider holding the event the first week of June to align with Environment Week (close to Arbour Day).
 - Possible location/community to hold the event - Deer Creek Ravine and area behind Walmart.
 - Wendy will reach out to Leduc Wildlife to discuss possible coordination with them for the event.
- **Spring Bird Count**
 - Will be held May 5-12, 2025
 - Advertising materials will be distributed through Communications Department – make sure to make note that people can upload their checklists to Ebird.
- **Calendar of Events Approval**
 - Earth Day – April 22, 2025
 - Plan to advertise Calendar of events for upcoming LEAB events for the following year on Earth Day moving forward (2026).

**MOTION
APPROVAL**

9/2025

MOTION: It was moved by Wendy that the Leduc Environmental Advisory Board (LEAB) request that the Mayor of Leduc issue a proclamation for Earth Day, April 22, 2025, the theme of which is “Our Power, Our Planet,” intended to highlight renewable energy, and that such proclamation focus on the fact that the City of Leduc is an energy leader, and furthermore, is a leader in renewable energy, examples of such leadership being the CEIP program, municipal solar projects, and our electric vehicle charging stations.

MOTION CARRIED

- Lions Club is planning to host BBQs at local grocery stores and hand out tree saplings – would be good to coordinate with Arbour Day.

Topics to Monitor:

G. Watershed and Coal Policy – Update

- No updates
- Opportunity to view the “Dry Horizons” film.

H. Tree Protection – Policy/Bylaw

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- No Updates

I. Green House Gas Reduction Plan/CEIP – Update

- No updates
- Interviews are being held this week to fill CEIP position.

J. Waste Management – Business (ICI) and Multi-Unit (MU) Waste Diversion – Update

- Continuing to reach out to property managers regarding early adopter plan
- Communications department is developing advertising materials
- Starting to have in-person meetings with property managers and giving presentations to condo boards

K. Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) – Update

- No updates

L. Indigenous Engagement Opportunities

- No updates
- Can we incorporate/partner with someone to help with advising/knowledge of trees for Arbour Day?
- Plan to possibly coordinate with Indigenous Day in June.

Conference Summary:

M. Alberta CARE Spring Seminar 2025 Summary - Wendy

- SOLAR AB presents courses on lunch hours etc. which are available and affordable.
- ARMA presented on promoting EPR for April 1 and helping organizations meet the deadline. They also have grants and awards they give out.
- Product Care presented – help with recycling solutions and have contracts with communities.
- Conference attendees went on a tour – Grey is Green, recycle #2 plastics into plastic “lumber”. Can be made into picnic tables, decks and campground posts.
- Presentation of Fire in Youngstown, AB in 2022
- Managing Bio Solids and Sludges - can be used as a cover at a landfill
- Call to Recycle presentation
 - Focusing on household battery collections, safety training
 - Two drop off locations in Leduc – Dr. Phone Fix and Rexall
- Aqua Terra had a display table
 - 1 of 5 landfills that is collecting methane to power landfill and wastewater plant in Grande Prairie.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

VII. NEW BUSINESS

A. Citizens of Distinction

- Wendy will meet with LEAB's citizen nomination C. L. B.
- Selection Committee is meeting in early April, Ben will attend

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**OPEN
DISCUSSION**

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

- Earth Day Initiative – batteries for recycling, promote in schools so students can bring in batteries etc.

ADJOURNMENT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

10/2025

MOTION: It was moved by Ben to adjourn the meeting at 7:44 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on April 8, 2025, Telford Street Board Room



Chair



Recording Secretary