

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
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REGULAR MINUTES Minutes of the LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD Regular Meeting held Tuesday, December 9, 2025, Denham Boardroom, Best Western Premier Denham Inn & Suites.

PRESENT: Ngaire Nix
Councillor Shawn Raymond
James Turner
Wendy Yule
Mindy Paradis

VIRTUALLY:

WITH REGRETS: Alena Mazur
Benjamin McDonald
Councillor Laura Tillack

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

CALL TO ORDER

I. CALL TO ORDER

Mindy called the meeting to order at 6:15 p.m.

Wendy gave the Land Acknowledgement.

**APPROVAL OF
AGENDA**

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

39/2025

MOTION: It was Moved by Ngaire to approve the December 9, 2025 Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF
MINUTES**

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

40/2025

MOTION: It was Moved by Shawn to accept the meeting minutes of November 18, 2025, as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

REPORTS

IV. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report

- Reminder that Christmas Bird Count is this Sunday, December 14, 2025. Kick off at Civic Center Atrium at 9:00 am.
- This is Wendy's, James' and Ben's last meeting

B. Council's Report

- Budget has been passed with 3.8% tax increase
- Significant opportunities ahead for City infrastructure and future planning.
- The Santa Claus parade is organized by the Chamber of Commerce. The City is exploring opportunities to collaborate in the

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future, particularly to address volunteer liability and related considerations.

C. Administration's Report

- Merry Christmas, thank you to all members for a great year!
- Thank you to outgoing members: Wendy, James and Ben.
- Christmas Bird Count on December 14, please come!
- New LEAB members were selected and notified today. January 2nd will be their deadline to accept.

**APPROVAL OF
REPORTS**

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V. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

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

MOTION CARRIED

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

VI. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Actionable Initiatives:

(i) Pollinators and Pesticides – Update

- No update

(ii) Natural Asset Inventory – Update

- DRAFT of Executive Summary was sent out to LEAB by Megan. Many revisions were completed by numerous City departments; requests and revisions sent back to the consultant and we will hopefully have another version by the end of this week.

- Asset Inventory will be used to create a National Assessment Management Plan, which is the next step.

- Development is happening quickly in the city.

- Leduc Wildlife and Conservation Society would like to present to new Council. They plan to come to LEAB's January meeting to present initially and LEAB and LWCS can work together.

(iii) Light Efficiency Community – Update

- No update

(iv) Hens and Bees – Update

- No update

(v) Events

- Christmas Bird Count:

- "Kick off the Count" on December 14, 9:00 am at Civic Center Atrium.

- Events Calendar 2026

- Discuss and confirm dates for 2026 LEAB events once new members have joined.

b. Topics to Monitor:

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(i) Watershed and Coal Policy – Update

- Elections AB has approved a bid by country music singer Corb Lund to start collecting signatures for a petition to ask the province to pass a law banning new coal mining on the eastern slopes of the Rocky Mountains. 4 months to gather signatures (178,000 signatures)
- Watershed – Bill 7 – Water Amendment Act:
Major changes to the Water Act: new definitions, expanded license amendment options, mandatory review timelines, disclosure requirements, and provisions for lower-risk inter-basin transfers. LEAB to review for impacts.
- Change next agenda to Watershed Health title

(ii) Tree Protection – Policy/Bylaw

- No Update

(iii) Green House Gas Reduction Plan – Update

- February 10 Meeting Guest Speaker – Representative from a local multi-unit property will discuss the future of the CEIP program and potential City funding. Multi-units seek inclusion and will present environmental benefits.
- LEAB members, please review CEIP and prepare questions.
- Invite Jack, Municipal Energy Project Manager, to join us

(iv) Multi Unit Sector Waste Diversion – Update

- Continuing outreach with early adopter materials. 98% compliance achieved; new diversion plans received weekly. 64% of MFUs are fully compliant, 33% are pending final approval

(v) Indigenous Engagement Opportunities

- Councillor Shawn Raymond noted that other City boards (FCSS & PRC) with Indigenous members are interested in collaborating more broadly with other boards etc.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

VII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Thank You to Outgoing Members

- Mindy distributed thank you gifts to James and Wendy. Michael will contact Ben to arrange pick up of his gift.

**OPEN
DISCUSSION**

VIII. OPEN DISCUSSION

a. Presentation to Council Ideas

- National Asset Inventory
- Christmas Bird Count
- Earth Day Proclamation
- Light Efficiency Community
- Ask new members for ideas
- Bill 7 – bring attention to Council-potentially request Council to write a letter

b. Budget Usage

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- Sustainable Communities Course – Jan to April Online Asynchronous – Mindy and Ngaire are considering participating.

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MOTION: It was moved by Mindy that we allow Mindy and Ngaire to register for the Sustainable Communities Course for approximately \$865 per person.

MOTION CARRIED

ADJOURNMENT

IX. ADJOURNMENT

43/2025


MOTION: It was moved by James to adjourn the meeting at 7:53 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

X. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on January 13, 2026 in the Telford Board Room at the Civic Centre.



Chair



Recording Secretary