

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD
REGULAR MEETING
TELFORD STREET BOARDROOM, CIVIC CENTRE
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REGULAR MINUTES Minutes of the LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD Regular Meeting held Tuesday, March 10, 2026, Telford Street Boardroom, Civic Centre.

PRESENT: Councillor Shawn Raymond
Aishah Mohd Isa
Ilona Braun
Sandy Musteca
Scarlett Regier
Mindy Paradis
Ngairé Nix

VIRTUALLY:

WITH REGRETS: Councillor Laura Tillack
Kristine Mryglod
Maggie Marshall Sloan

ALSO PRESENT: Cheri Andres – Recording Secretary
Michael Hancharyk – City Representative
Joe Bodeux – Leduc Wildlife Conservation Society Member
Tyler Yaremko – City Representative

CALL TO ORDER

I. CALL TO ORDER

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

Mindy gave the Land Acknowledgement.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

II. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

13/2026

MOTION: It was Moved by Councilor Shawn Raymond to approve the March 10, 2026 Agenda.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

14/2026

MOTION: It was Moved by Ilona to accept the meeting minutes of February 10, 2026, as circulated.

MOTION CARRIED

GUEST SPEAKER

IV. GUEST SPEAKER

A. Joe Bodeux– Leduc Wildlife Conservation Society

- Joe gave a thorough presentation on the Nest Box Program including nest boxes information, bird count, banding, etc. that the Leduc Wildlife Conservation Society is currently running on Telford Lake.

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REPORTS

V. REPORTS

A. Chair's Report

- Citizens of Distinction Nominations: Nominations are needed; deadline is March 31.
- City Survey: Please complete the survey when you have the opportunity.
- Water, Not Coal Petition: Petition is circulating. You may sign through a canvasser or possibly online. If interested, please contact Mindy for more information.
- Library Clean Up Kits: Current availability is unclear; Michael will follow up with Carla at the Library.
- Sustainable Communities Course: Course content is extensive but very beneficial.
- Presentation to Council: The presentation has been postponed until May 25.

B. Council's Report

- City Survey: Please complete the survey, only takes 5 – 10 mins of your time.
- Skateboard Park: Currently going through renovations. Complete remodel is planned for round 2028
- Strategic Planning Session: A strategic planning session will be held this weekend to set priorities for the next four years; exciting discussions on infrastructure, planning, and programs.
- City Events Calendar: City website will now contain an events calendar for City events.
- Changes to Grants to Organizations: Adjustments are being made to the Grants to Organizations framework to allow for three funding tiers \$1-\$5000, \$5000-\$10,000 and \$10,000+ which will help grassroots organizations get started.

C. Administration's Report

- Environmental Project Manager: Hiring in progress
- New Environmental Inspector: Kalyssa, will attend April meeting
- Canada Day Fireworks Display: The plan is to launch the fireworks from the center of Telford Lake. LEAB has been informed, although the location is not ideal for wildlife in the area.
- Welcome to New Members: We encourage all new members to share their perspectives and get involved in helping guide LEAB's direction.
- Chamber Membership: Discussion on the renewal of the membership concluded that, as participation in the business expo has ceased, renewal is not warranted

15/2026

MOTION: It was moved by Mindy that LEAB not renew their Chamber Membership as there is no current benefit to the board.

MOTION CARRIED

APPROVAL OF REPORTS

VI. APPROVAL OF REPORTS

16/2026

MOTION: It was moved by Ngaire to accept the above noted reports for

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information purposes only.

MOTION CARRIED

**UNFINISHED
BUSINESS**

VII. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

a. Actionable Initiatives:

(i) Pollinators and Pesticides – Update

- Communications should be highlighting in the near future
- Garden seed packet timelines for germination and production were discussed, with the goal of distributing them early next year to support growing and promote this initiative.
- Wildflower seeds were discussed as a way to encourage pollinator participation.
- Councilor Shawn Raymond will explore coordinating related City initiative events and bring ideas to the next meeting.

(ii) Natural Asset Inventory – Update

- Administration is conducting a workshop that has been scheduled and is currently underway. A total of four sessions are planned. An update will be provided by Michael in April.

(iii) Light Efficiency Community – Update

- Urban Systems was selected to complete the feasibility study, which could be completed as early as April.

b. Topics to Monitor:

(i) Watershed Health – Update

- Reminder to take a minute to sign the *Water not Coal* petition

(ii) Tree Protection – Policy/Bylaw

- Tyler provided an update on the draft process, which has begun across several departments. The draft is being based on practices from surrounding and larger municipalities, with local elements to be added. The goal is to have the draft ready for review in the near future.

(iii) Green House Gas Reduction Plan – Update

- The pump station and Eco Station have been made more environmentally sustainable. An FCM carbon and energy audit for the City was also noted. A suggestion was made that the city do a GHG Inventory on a more regular basis. Michael will discuss options with the Municipal Energy Manager and bring back to future meeting.

- Mindy requested that at next month's meeting LEAB walk through the Council presentation and make notes/corrections together in preparation for the presentation in May.

(iv) Multi Unit Sector Waste Diversion – Update

- Three properties have not yet completed their plans. Enforcement may be pursued, with substantial fines applicable. Enforcement is anticipated to begin next month.

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- The group discussed the applicability of the program to schools. While institutional (ICI) properties are included, there are currently no policies requiring their compliance. It was noted that education, particularly for school-aged children, would be beneficial. As part of the Environmental Plan, Environment is reaching out to schools to explore support options. LEAB suggested a commercial FoodCycler and interactive educational activities such as escape rooms or workshops.

(v) Indigenous Engagement Opportunities

- The PRC Naming Committee noted that two parks are being considered for Indigenous naming.
- Council has approved a Cultural Heritage Plan, to be adopted for the next five years. The plan includes approximately 45 action items, aligns with Urban Centre redevelopment, and provides opportunities to highlight and incorporate local history.

(vi) Hens & Bees – Update

- Backyard Hens program requires an inspection to renew their licenses – Environment Inspector will complete these.

**NEW
BUSINESS**

VIII. NEW BUSINESS

a. Edmonton and Area Land Trust

- Michael reported on discussions with Sheila. It was noted that protecting the entirety of Telford is not seen as necessary; however, two areas are being considered for protection—the northern section with a tree stand and the eastern section extending toward Saunders Lake, also containing a tree stand. Protecting these two pockets would be considered, with the process expected to take approximately three years.

b. Change Agenda item

- *Change Natural Asset Inventory heading to Natural Assets*

d. Earth Day Proclamation – Michael will submit the application to request a proclamation.

17/2026

MOTION: It was moved by Mindy that the Leduc Environmental Advisory Board (LEAB) request that the Mayor of Leduc issue a proclamation for Earth Day, April 22, 2026.

MOTION CARRIED

**OPEN
DISCUSSION**

IX. OPEN DISCUSSION

a. Sensory Garden - Tyler has begun developing a proposal for a sensory garden designed to engage all five senses. The concept would support inclusive interaction and has demonstrated benefits for individuals with disabilities, as well as educational opportunities for schools. Potential locations have not yet been determined, with options

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including a central site accessible to schools or multiple locations.
LEAB is very supportive of this initiative.
- **Inclusion in a future Council presentation was also discussed.**

ADJOURNMENT

X. ADJOURNMENT

18/2026

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

MOTION CARRIED

NEXT MEETING

XI. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on April 14, 2026 in the Telford Board Room at the Civic Centre.



Chair



Recording Secretary