

**LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD  
REGULAR MEETING  
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2024  
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**REGULAR MINUTES** Minutes of the LEDUC ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD Regular Meeting held Tuesday, December 10, 2024, Millar Boardroom, Coast Nisku Inn.

PRESENT:

Councilor Lars Hansen  
Wendy Yule  
James Turner  
James Kollmar  
Benjamin McDonald  
Ngairé Nix  
Mindy Paradis

WITH REGRETS: Alena Mazur

ALSO PRESENT:

Cheri Andres – Recording Secretary  
Michael Hancharyk – City Representative  
Megan Bayley – City Representative  
Andy Tait – Guest

**CALL TO ORDER**

**I. CALL TO ORDER**

Mindy called the meeting to order at 6:12 pm.

**APPROVAL OF  
AGENDA**

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**APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

**MOTION: It was Moved by James T. to approve the December 10, 2024, Agenda.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**APPROVAL OF  
MINUTES**

43/2024

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**MOTION: It was Moved by Wendy to accept the meeting minutes of November 12, 2024, as circulated.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**PRESENTATION – Carried to January Meeting**

**REPORTS**

**Chair's Report**

- Nothing to report

**Council's Report**

- Budget was passed – additional recreational facility, artificial soccer turf, lights on ball diamonds was deferred from this budget to create a long term plan in Quarter 1

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- Transit Route service, Route 10, will run every 30 mins instead of 60 minutes to and from airport to Edmonton via 747 – good for environment
- Summer Parks Program will now be a permanent program. Kids to have the opportunity to socialize with other kids and participate in programs during the summer.
- Approved funding for 2026 multiway to extend Grant McEwan Blvd trail to Blackstone. The multiway from downtown up to 47<sup>th</sup> Street, all the way up to Costco!
- National Asset Inventory was moved up from 2027 to 2025
- Tax increase to be 3.5% this year – lowest in the area

**Administration's Report**

- 2 ASPs have been sent out for review, Sawridge due Dec 17. Megan recommended LEAB compose one single document for future ASP input.
- Landfill Tour – thanks to those that attended.
- Prizes for LEAB for next year have been purchased.
- Christmas bird count material has been distributed in public areas.
- New Arborist Coordinator with the City, Joe, would like to work with LEAB for Arbour Day 2025.

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

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**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**APPROVAL OF REPORTS**

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

**MOTION CARRIED**

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

***Actionable Initiatives***

**Pollinators and Pesticides**

- No updates

**Telford Lake Natural Area**

- Natural Asset Inventory – Megan & Michael have submitted a grant application to help offset the costs. Requests for proposals will be put out in February.
- Wildlife Conservation Society (WCS) set up sub-committee to encourage public engagement concerning the conservation of Telford Lake. WCS are considering May 10, or possibly Earth Day – April 22 for a public event to further engagement.

**Light Efficiency Community**

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- No updates – nothing on the ASP so far, consider following Strathcona’s model.
- Megan will look into drafting a Light Efficiency Plan (Strathcona) to bring back to a future meeting.
- Guide leads to policy which leads to bylaw; good first step.

**Hens and Bees**

- Thanks to Leduc Produce Market for allowing us to promote materials.
- Rules and parameters are quite strict and discouraging to those who want to participate in the program, considering making changes.
- Discussed the possibility of getting Dustin involved for another public engagement event in the Spring.

**Events**

- No Updates

**Budget**

- Yellowfish- \$400
- Prizes - \$300
- Supper - \$366.71
- Consider holding a meeting via phone to decide on any remaining budget

**Meeting Dates for 2025**

- It was agreed that meetings will continue to be held on the second Tuesday of the month from 6:00 pm – 8:00 pm for 2025.

***Topics to Monitor***

**Watershed Health and Coal Policy**

- Wendy read an informational report from Peter Jowett.

**Tree Protection – Policy/Bylaw**

- No updates

**Green House Gas Plan/CEIP**

- Request for Proposal for Carbon audit has been awarded
- Nathan S. has left his position with the City; his position will be posted in the new year.

**Waste Management – Business (ICI) and Multi-Unit (MU)  
Waste Diversion**

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- Alysha & Megan were able to collect all missing contact information for previous buildings.
- Bins for these residences will be delivered Wednesday, Dec 11.

**Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR)**

- Contracting has been delayed until March.
- Leduc will have new recycling options available, including clam shell plastics.

**Indigenous Engagement Opportunities**

- Mindy found free options online. She will research them further and bring the findings to a future meeting.
- Consider advertising on the indigenous radio station The Raven 89.3.

**NEW  
BUSINESS**

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- New members discussion – Kala left in November 2024. Possibly 4 members will be needed for Fall 2025.
- Andy Tait – was a member of LEAB from 2009-2014 and created the Christmas Bird Count starting in 2012. He would appreciate being kept in the loop as he updates information for National Audubon Society and Birds Canada.
- Sawridge ASP – Due Dec 17. The request concerns rezoning two lots in the NW corner, block 3 & 4, from business commercial to light industrial. Megan will compile LEAB responses and submit one document. It was noted there was weak language around environmental preservation like encourage etc. Clarification is needed for 30m buffer (from seasonal wetlands? – not Telford Lake itself?) as well as “attractive fencing”. There is no mention of lighting restrictions. Suggestion of motion sensor for lighting.

**OPEN  
DISCUSSION**

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- Please sign “Thank You” card for Kayla.
- No advertisement was submitted to the Rep this year for Christmas Bird Count due to the high cost. However, more advertising was done through social media.
- High Speed Rail survey/input – Mindy will email a survey link to members for their input.
- For the January meeting members are to bring 3 goals for LEAB for their vision for 2025.

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**ADJOURNMENT**

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**MOTION:** It was moved by Wendy to adjourn the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

**MOTION CARRIED**

**NEXT MEETING**

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The next meeting will be held on January 14, 2025, Telford Street Board Room.

*Windy Paradis*  
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Chair

*Cheri Andres*  
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Recording Secretary