

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee held in the St. Albert Business Centre, on the above date at 6:04 pm.

Present

Councillor J. Hansen
T. Doran
J. Gervais
A. Lefebvre
B. Marsh
M. Wheatley (D: 8:00 pm)

Absent

B. Thronson
S. Pearson

Guests

E. Pickard, Environment Associate – Community & School Liaison

Staff

M. Myers, Environmental Coordinator – Community Strategy & Engagement

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair declared the agenda adopted as amended with the addition of Item 5 - Flyer Opt-In Discussion.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Chair declared the minutes of March 22, 2018 adopted as presented.

Environmental School Curriculum Resources

Presented by E. Pickard, Environment Associate – Community & School Liaison

- Last year, E. Pickard completed a curriculum review which looked at the City's environmental programs/initiatives and the connections to the curriculum. E. Pickard is also interested in what the demand from teachers is to provide St. Albert specific environmental resources.
- Teacher resources will center around the topics of natural areas, air/energy/water, Sturgeon River and waste which tie into the themes of the Environmental Master Plan.
- The resources will aim to be adaptable for changing environment trends and projects in addition different grades.

- In E. Pickard's experience it is more effective to connect with the teachers, provide them with resources, and let them decide how they are used in their classroom.
- The school resource initiatives will kick off with Teacher PD day on May 24 with the hope that this will be an annual event. The day will start with a 3-hour tour around the City, followed by a teacher resource information session, and Environmental Initiatives Grant brainstorming.
- The goal of the Teacher PD day is to increase awareness of City environment projects, network with other teachers, and promote the environment grant program.
- Over the next year, St. Albert specific classroom presentations will be developed as a teacher resource. The idea is that City staff will present (perhaps a summer student) to the class on the various topics (natural areas, air/energy/water conservation, Sturgeon River, waste). The presentations will also include interactive student activities.
- Committee members completed an Environment Bingo activity (similar activity used in classrooms). Developed for grades 4 and up (changed based on the subject and grade).
- Attendees reviewed class presentation outlines in groups and provided feedback.

Idle-Free Bylaw Review

- Subcommittee drafted advice to Council on the Idle-Free Bylaw review.
- Comment from S. Pearson about refrigerated vehicles and M. Myers confirmed that this is covered in the power-take off clause (c) in Section 4 of the bylaw.

Moved by J. Gervais

That the Idle-Free Bylaw advice to Council be approved and submitted with the Council agenda report.

CARRIED

Flyer Opt-In Discussion

- Committee watched video from Global News (August 3, 2017) which reported on flyer opt-in bylaw in Halifax.

Committee discussion included:

- Assumed that the flyers in the Gazette wouldn't be included in a similar bylaw.
- The idea behind the bylaw in Halifax is that flyer delivery is not allowed in the community.
- Need to keep in mind that there is a demographic in St. Albert that like home flyer delivery.
- Discussed that a bylaw would benefit the Environmental Master Plan waste targets to reduce waste generation in St. Albert.
- Suggest to Council that this is a EAC priority for 2019.

- Councillor Hansen going to Federation of Canadian Municipalities conference in June. She will see if it is a trend among other municipalities.
- Idea to charge a fee for the privilege to deliver fliers in the city and provide the funding to the Environmental Initiatives Grant Program.
- Discussed strategies to get the Gazette to stop the number of flyers included in the newspaper circulation.
- If there is a ban on door to door flyer delivery, companies may look to the Gazette for household distribution of flyers.
- Suggest consulting with the Gazette as part of exploring the bylaw feasibility.
- No recourse right now for homeowners that don't want flyers delivered to their home.
- End result is that EAC is interested in including this as a priority (potentially in 2019) if Council decides to pursue this topic further.
- T. Doran will get back to Councillor Joly regarding this topic.

ROUND TABLE

- Innovation, Culture and Transformation in the Construction Sector on May 10, 2018
- T. Doran became a FitWel Ambassador (healthy building movement).
- B. Marsh attended the Enviro Tech Conference in Calgary

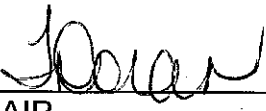
M. Wheatley departed the meeting.

- Summer student starting May 1. She will be working on Environmental Master Plan surveys, school presentations, events and much more.
- EAC invited to plant a large tree at Clean and Green RiverFest on May 12. The tree was purchased in lieu of gifts for the Environmental Initiatives Grant Program 10 Year Anniversary event.

NEXT MEETING – May 24, 2018

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:05 p.m.



CHAIR



CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER



**ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

DATE: Thursday, April 26, 2018
TIME: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm
PLACE: St. Albert Business Centre
29 Sir Winston Churchill Ave.

File No: B02

AGENDA

- 1. Adoption of Agenda**
- 2. Adoption of Minutes – March 22, 2018**
- 3. Environmental School Curriculum Resources (6:05 – 7:05 p.m.)**
Erin Pickard, Environmental Associate – Community & School Liaison
- 4. Idle-Free Bylaw Review**
Vote on advice to Council
- 5. Round Table**
- 6. Next Meeting Date – April 26, 2018**
- 7. Adjournment**