

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee held in the St. Albert Business Centre, on the above date at 6:01 pm.

Present

Councillor N. Joly (D: 7:09 pm)
T. Doran
A. Lefebvre
B. Marsh
B. Thronson
M. Wheatley

Absent

S. Pearson

Staff

C. Benson, Manager, Environment
M. Myers, Environmental Coordinator – Community Strategy & Engagement

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair declared the agenda adopted as presented.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Chair declared the minutes of October 25, 2018 adopted as presented.

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 3-YEAR WORK PLAN

Review Draft

On Saturday, October 27, EAC attended a facilitated work planning session to update the Committee's 3-Year Work Plan. Attendees reviewed the draft 3-Year Work Plan developed from planning session discussion.

Moved by B. Thronson

That the EAC 3-Year Work Plan be approved and submitted with the Council agenda report on January 21, 2019.

CARRIED

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE 2019 ANNUAL REPORT

Review and Approve

EAC reviewed the draft 2018 Annual Report. The 2018 EAC Annual Report and 2019 Priorities will be presented to City Council on January 21, 2019.

Moved by B. Marsh

That the 2018 Environmental Advisory Committee Annual Report to City Council be approved with discussed amendments and submitted with Council agenda report on January 21, 2019.

CARRIED

BYLAW BANNING SINGLE USE PLASTIC BAGS

Approve Advice to City Council

B. Marsh reviewed the draft advice to Council on banning single use plastic bags.

Confirmed the ban is intended for commercial use (retailer or business providing a plastic bag) rather than personal purchase of these items.

Moved by B. Marsh

That the Council advice on banning single use plastic bags be approved and submitted with the Council agenda report.

CARRIED

ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES GRANT PROGRAM

Discussion – Program Review in 2019

Environmental Initiatives Grant Program (EIGP) was discussed at the EAC 3-Year work planning session and it was determined the Committee would review the program at the November 22, 2018 meeting with more discussion in 2019.

Committee reviewed a summary of the EIGP between 2007-2018 including: number of applications received, number of applications funded, funding available, amount of funding requested, amount of funding approved, average funding amount per applicant and the distribution of approved applications in the air and energy, land, water, people categories.

Suggestions for the EIGP and promotions in 2019 include:

- Brainstorming wish list of project ideas (organized with time investment and cost). Not lacking people to do the projects but the kind of projects that are coming through.
- Objective of the suggestions and promotions is to fund projects that bring innovation and bring people together under a common cause.
- Scheduling the information sessions earlier and promote some of the projects the EAC would like to fund.

- Contact Student Council from the high schools and junior highs.
- Help coordinate schools – encourage schools that are in the same area collaborate. Ask the school boards to coordinate their schools internally prior to submission.
- Provide the option that an EAC member will attend and help with project ideas.
- Artists in residence idea framework
- Science fair
- Signage for funded projects – generic signage that can be produced and used on all projects. Provide separately from the grant funds.
- Block parties – option for EAC members attend and chat to neighbours about the grant program.
- Encourage good news stories from the grant projects.
- Contact post graduate students and projects that live in St. Albert.

Next steps – use January meeting to come up with the wish list of project ideas. Each Committee member should come to the January meeting with 3 project ideas they would like to fund.

Start to get the word out as early as possible – January if possible.

ROUND TABLE

- Municipal Development Plan Open House on Nov 14 and 15 – live Facebook feed at the kick off event. The workshops covered six categories of growth and went through the components in small groups. More opportunities for engagement to come and the online survey is still open.

N. Joly departed the meeting (7:09 pm)

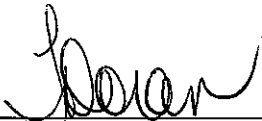
- Kevin Cole, Director, Utilities & Environment resigned from the City of St. Albert to take a position in Strathcona County.
- Annual Report and 2019 Priorities presented to City Council on January 21, 2019. T. Doron to attend and present on behalf of the Committee.
- Home Energy Assessment Toolkit (HEAT) – Keep the HEAT Inside energy efficiency event is scheduled for Nov 28 from 7-8 pm in Forsyth Hall (St. Albert Public Library).
- Grey Nuns White Spruce Park Management Plan – initiative within the plan was to build partnerships with outside organizations. City formed a partnership with University of Alberta to complete hydrology study on the impacts to drainage in the forest from development. Another partnership with U of A master students completing a study on temporary interpretative signage.
- Province is taking 250 seeds from Grey Nuns White Spruce Park 2013 white spruce seed lot and using them for climate change provenance trials. Using seeds from across the province and there are very few urban spruce forests left.

- C. Benson and M. Myers attended the Alberta Capital Airshed Clean Air Forum on Nov 20. Topics included state of air quality in the region, human health impacts, and what is being done to address air quality issues.
- C. Benson presented to Economic Development Advisory Board on net zero neighbourhoods.
- C. Benson toured Blatchford energy system, Ecohaven in northwest Calgary and Okotoks Drakes Landing – information obtained from these tours will be part of the backgrounder that C. Benson is producing outlining the barriers to these type of developments.

NEXT MEETING – January 24, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:20 p.m.



CHAIR



CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER



**ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

DATE: Thursday, November 22, 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 – October 25, 2018**
- 3. EAC 3-Year Work Plan**
Review Draft
- 4. EAC 2019 Annual Report**
Review and Approve
- 5. Bylaw Banning Single Use Plastic Bags**
Approve advice to City Council
- 6. Environmental Initiatives Grant**
Discussion - Program Review in 2019
- 7. Round Table**
- 8. Next Meeting Date – January 24, 2019**
- 9. Adjournment**