

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee held in the St. Albert Business Centre, on the above date at 6:03 pm.

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**Present**

A. Lefebvre  
B. Marsh  
S. Pearson  
B. Thronson  
M. Wheatley

**Absent**

Councillor J. Hansen  
T. Doran  
J. Gervais

**Guests**

M. Logan – Environmental Coordinator- Sturgeon River & Natural Areas

**Staff**

C. Benson, Manager, Environment & Sustainability  
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 April 26, 2018 adopted as presented.

**Integrated Pest Management Plan and Invasive Species Update**

*Melissa Logan, Environmental Coordinator – Sturgeon River and Natural Areas*

- M. Logan reviewed the Integrated Pest Management Plan initially developed in 2011 and updated in 2017.
- The plan focuses on an ecological approach guided by federal, provincial and municipal bylaws.
- Updates to the 2017 plan include:
  - Current and emerging threats and invasive species.
  - Links to City plans, policies, bylaws, engineering standards, Environmental Management System, and Environmental Master Plan.
  - Monitoring requirements, evaluation, reporting, control prescriptions.
  - Separate section for human/wildlife conflict.
  - Inclusion of Carrot Creek.

- Summary of legislative requirements and pesticide management procedures.
- Recent initiatives from the plan include contractor environmental responsibility package, boot and equipment cleaning, Wildlife Committee, Alberta Native Bee Council, quarterly inter-municipal workshops and public education.
- M. Logan's position focuses on the legislative work that needs to be done however the work is housed within the Public Works department.
- City investigating using See Click Fix App (Spruce It Up) to collect location information on invasive species from residents.

## **Environmental Management Systems Update**

*Christian Benson, Manager, Environment*

- Presentation topics included the ISO 14001 standard background, Environmental Management System (EMS) 2018 audit results and contaminated sites update.
- This year's EMS audits (internal and external completed in March) achieved the updated 2015 ISO 14001 standard.
- The City received many positive comments from the auditor.
- Each audit, internal and external, received 2 non-conformances that the City needed to correct before being recommended re-certification. These have been completed and the City's EMS was recommended for recertification.
- Between 2013 and 2015, the City began the process of implementing preliminary high-level risk assessments of all City owned contaminated sites related to Public Service Accounting Board standards (contaminated sites and solid waste landfill closure and post closure liability). Through further assessment the City has narrowed the sites of concern and is presenting the results to City Council on June 25.

## **ROUND TABLE**


- City experiencing complaints of residents, businesses and organizations not following the Water Conservation Bylaw outdoor sprinkler restrictions. This was expected until the community is educated on the bylaw. City will continue to work with the groups and remind residents of the watering restrictions.
- Teacher PD Day – 23 teachers from Public Schoolboard, Catholic Schoolboard and Sturgeon Heights attended the session. City staff received a positive response from the participants and will likely offer a similar session again.
- Reviewed Environmental Master Plan survey from Lifestyle Expo.
- Next meeting the focus will be the review of the Environmental Master Plan in a workshop format.
- TD Clean and Green RiverFest was a success on May 12, 2018 with approximately 250 participants.
- Clean Air Day is June 6, 2018 and City is offering free Transit and bike tune up.

- Public and community group weed pull events are being planned for this summer. Weeds of focus are garlic mustard and himalayan balsam.
- An old tractor/carriage and frame and horse skeleton was found today in Erin Ridge ravine. Arts and Heritage Foundation will be contacted to investigate the significance of the find.
- White-faced ibis spotted on Big Lake from Tim Osborne

**NEXT MEETING** – June 28, 2018

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:38 p.m.

  
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CHAIR

  
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CHIEF LEGISLATIVE OFFICER



**ENVIRONMENTAL  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**DATE: Thursday, May 24, 2018**  
**TIME: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**  
**PLACE: St. Albert Business Centre**  
**29 Sir Winston Churchill Ave.**

File No: B02

**AGENDA**

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- 1. Adoption of Agenda**
- 2. Adoption of Minutes – April 26, 2018**
- 3. Integrated Pest Management Plan & Invasive Species Update**  
*Melissa Logan, Environmental Coordinator – Sturgeon River & Natural Areas*
- 4. Environmental Management Systems Update**  
*Christian Benson, Manager, Environment*
- 5. Round Table**
- 6. Next Meeting Date – June 28, 2018**
- 7. Adjournment**