

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

Present

T. Doran
B. Thronson
B. Marsh
V. Neary
Councillor B. Russell
S. Pearson
J. Gervais (A: 6:11 pm)

Absent

K. Crutchfield

Guests

M. Brenneis, Parks Projects Specialist

Staff

L. Kongsrude, Director, Strategic Services and Environment
M. Myers, Environmental Coordinator – Community

L. Kongsrude provided an update on the Goldfish Management Program at Edgewater and Ted Hole Stormwater Facilities.

J. Gervais arrived.

Mayor Crouse, on behalf of the community and Council, thanked the Committee for their work and commitment to the environment.

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair declared the agenda adopted as presented.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Chair declared the minutes of June 22, 2017 adopted as presented.

RED WILLOW PARK NORTHWEST MASTER PLAN

Margo Brenneis, Parks Project Specialist

- M. Brenneis provided a brief history of Red Willow Park and overview of the Red Willow Park Northwest Master Plan project.

- Many major projects have been completed in Red Willow Park since the last update in 2003.
- The intent is to update the areas from the past master plans, see what is happening and consider a plan for the Red Willow Park West Carrot Creek Greenway.
- ISL Engineering has been hired to complete the master plan and is currently completing a document overview.
- Next step is phase 1 which is meeting with the major stakeholders between Sept to Dec.
- Next phase is the public engagement – Feb. and June 2018 with concept plans.
- Come back to the public after June with what we heard and what would like to move forward with.
- Multi department project team - Environment, Planning, Capital Projects, and Rec and Parks (Community Rec Coordinator).

Mayor Crouse exited the meeting.

CONTAMINATED SITES ASSESSMENT UPDATE

Leah Kongsrude, Director, Environment

- The City is continuing to conduct environmental assessments on three City-Owned properties - Jack Kraft Public Works facility, Riel Drive Public Works Satellite yard, and the City snow storage site on Villeneuve Road.
- Additional groundwater and soil sampling over the last six months has allowed for the delineation of the contamination at each site.
- The next step is to complete Risk Management Plans for each site and review them with Alberta Environment and Parks.
- Administration will be providing Council with an update on the plans in November and we will be able to share more information with EAC at that point.

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION PROGRAM

Discussion

- Environmental recognition program came out of the 3-year priority planning session in 2015.
- The City of St. Albert has a Community Recognition Program (2011)
- There are 6 categories – the Citizenship category includes recognition criteria for environmental services.
- The program started in 2011 and the nominations have significantly reduced since the beginning
- CSAB decides what nominations will receive an award.
- Major Alberta municipalities have environmental recognition programs – City of Calgary. City of Edmonton's recognizes staff. City of Vancouver/Kelowna offer broad community recognition with the environment category.

- Discussion on the topic included:
 - Tie the recognition to the Environmental Master Plan. Doesn't necessarily need to be a celebration. Can be private. An opportunity to recognize and celebrate what we are already doing in the city.
 - Timing could be once every 2-3 years, but every 10 years isn't enough.
 - Celebrate the 5-year update – what we have done, what we are going to do and celebrate those that have helped us get here.
 - We could investigate the opportunities to add on to the existing Community Recognition Policy. Administration will look at timing and the Community Recognition Policy and update the Committee through email or at the next meeting

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TARGET

Subcommittee Discussion

- The public participation target (grow participation in the Clean and Green RiverFest, Arbor Day and Naturalization projects to 1000 participants by 2020) was met in 2015 (1,375). The review of the target was a priority for the 2017 EAC Work Plan.
- Considerations for the target - 2015 naturalization participation was an anomaly (Father Jan school, 270 students, planted 12 trees). RiverFest is weather dependant. Arbor Day participation will stay constant unless we add another day (exploring this option for 2018).
- Discussed at EAC in April and it was determined the subcommittee would meet and discuss in more detail.
- Subcommittee drafted advice following the meeting. M. Myers will send draft advice out to the Committee for the next meeting for the Committee to vote and approve.
- An additional suggestion to include related questions in the 2018 Environmental survey – Did you partake in an environmental activity this year? How many? What? Help determined if the target is realistic. Get some baseline information.

ROUND TABLE

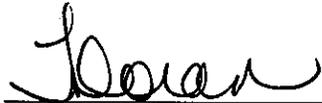
- Environmental Projects Tour – Electric Buses, Food Forest, and St. Albert Parish Community Garden. Committee liked this format and didn't have any changes for next year.
- HEAT Launch Tuesday, October 3 at 7 pm in Forsyth Hall. Erin attended the City-Wide Block Party to promote the grant and other programs.
- Water Conservation Bylaw promotions are complete for this year – one waste truck was wrapped with the bylaw messaging.
- School yard cleanup – more schools this fall than in the spring (never happened). 13 schools signed up to complete schoolyard and neighborhood cleanups. More than ever. Typically, 6 or 7 in the fall.

- C. Russell thanked the Committee for attending the Environmental Projects Tour to the Community Garden.
- Council interested in the wildlife corridor
- J. Gervais working on invasive goldfish and looking to do some pilot projects.
- Discussed large item event – some items removed before the City were in the neighborhood.
- Signs redesigned with simplified instructions for the Recycle Depot are coming this fall.
- New waste coloring book for minimizing your waste.
- Curbside waste education program this year – O. Kwok will be coming to EAC in November or January to provide an update.
- Solar panels have arrived and are getting installed on the Transit building. Hopefully up and running by November.

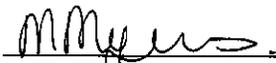
NEXT MEETING – October 26, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.



CHAIR



DESIGNATED OFFICER



**ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

DATE: Thursday, September 28, 2017
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 – June 22, 2017**
- 3. Red Willow Park Northwest Master Plan**
Margo Brenneis, Parks Project Specialist
- 4. Contaminated Sites Assessment Update**
Christian Benson, Manager, Environment
- 5. Environmental Leadership Recognition Program**
Discussion
- 6. Public Participation Target**
Subcommittee Discussion
- 7. Round Table**
- 8. Next Meeting Date – October 26, 2017**
- 9. Adjournment**