

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee held in the St. Albert Business Centre, on the above date at 6:00 p.m.

Present

T. Doran
K. Crutchfield
J. Gervais
B. Thronson
B. Marsh
S. Pearson

Absent

V. Neary
Councillor B. Russell

Staff

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair declared the agenda adopted as presented.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Chair declared the minutes of September 28, 2017 adopted as presented.

ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS

The following groups made presentations:

- Tool Sharing Library of St. Albert
- St. Albert Urban Agriculture
- St. Albert Community Garden
- St. Albert Daycare Society

Moved by B. Thronson

That the Environmental Advisory Board move in camera to consider the Environmental Initiatives Grants in accordance with the provisions of Section 17 - Disclosure harmful to personal privacy and, Section 24 - Advice from officials of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act* (FOIP), R.S.A. 2000, c.F-25, as amended.

CARRIED

Moved by B Thronson
That the Board reconvene in public.
CARRIED

Moved by K. Crutchfield
That the Environmental Advisory Committee recommend to Council that the following Environmental Initiatives Grant Program applications be approved:

Applicant (alphabetical)	Project Description	\$\$ Required
Bellerose Composite High School Sustainability Initiative	Using a sub-metre and Kill-A-Watt meters the school's Sustainably Club will pilot Energy Literacy Awareness Campaign with students.	\$2,913.90
Ecole Father Jan Elementary School Council (Friends of Father Jan Society)	Creation of an outdoor classroom for student learning. Classroom to include seating, raised garden beds, native trees and shrubs, rain barrels, compost bin, student murals and bird houses.	\$4,500.00
Keenooshayo Elementary School	Grade one students will have the opportunity to explore the science curriculum through gardening with a raised garden table.	\$632.10
Robert Rundle Elementary School	To fund activities and programs of the newly formed school environment club including composting, garden beds, and air quality monitoring.	\$1,700.00
St. Albert Daycare Society	To expand the daycare's outdoor garden program by improving existing gardens and constructing a greenhouse. Project includes partnerships with the Food Bank and other community stakeholders	\$1,000.00
St. Albert Nature School	Funds will be used to help kick start a community environmental education program for preschool aged children.	\$3,612.00
St. Albert Urban Agriculture	Continuing with the success of the past 2 years, funds will be used to add seating, pathways, children's area, and herb spiral. In addition, SAUA applied for funding through another organization to increase their ability to host schools.	\$1,531.18
Tool Library of St. Albert	Funds will be used to initiate a tool sharing library including inventory, Fix It Café (in partnership with Library) and promotions.	\$5,000.00

Trout Unlimited	Building on the success of the 2016/2017 program in St. Albert, funding is required to assist groups with self-delivery of the program and further establish the program in St. Albert.	\$5,000.00
Venture into Nature	Targeted to families, the project will plan and implement nature walks in St. Albert's natural areas.	\$800.00
TOTALS	\$33,200.00	\$26,689.18

CARRIED

As part of the overall funding recommendation EAC provided the following statement to be included in the Agenda Report to City Council:

EAC recognizes the importance of Trout Unlimited Yellow Fish Road program to stormwater education in St. Albert and recommends that City Council considers allocating sustainable funding outside the Environmental Initiatives Grant Program. The EAC also recognizes, that although the impact may not be quantifiable, the program protects the Sturgeon River and the probability of substances getting released into surrounding water bodies. In the last two years, EIG funding has been allocated to this work. To fund innovative and sustainable projects going forward a sustainable source of funding should be a priority.

GRANDIN COMMUNITY GARDEN GRANT EXTENSION REQUEST

Moved by B. Thronson
That the Grandin Community Garden Grant extension request be approved.
CARRIED

GREY NUNS WHITE SPRUCE PARK GRANT EXTENSION REQUEST

Moved by S. Pearson
That the Grey Nuns White Spruce Park Working Group Grant extension request be approved.
CARRIED

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TARGET – COMMITTEE ADVICE TO COUNCIL

Moved by B. Thronson
That Public Participation Target Council Advice be approved as amended.

CARRIED

ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP RECOGNITION PROGRAM UPDATE

Administration plans to discuss the possibility of adding an Environment category to the Community Recognition Program within Community and Protective

Services. This would mean changing the policy so Environment Director will discuss with General Manager. Likely a recommendation to City Council will be required from the Committee at the next meeting.


ROUND TABLE

- Beavers cutting down trees by Boudreau Bridge. PW and Environment aware of this activity and staff are putting up enclosures around the remaining standing trees.
- Green Infrastructure Conference on November 9 and 10 in Edmonton.
- T. Doran working with organizations for federal funding for a super cluster of innovative infrastructure around Edmonton and Calgary.
- City of St. Albert Complete Streets Info Session on November 15 from 4-7:30 pm at Red Willow Place.
- Solar panels are currently getting installed at Transit (400 Watt LG panels) which will produce about a 1/3 of the energy needs of the building. Business case for 2018 for Servus Place solar panel system.
- Home Energy Assessment Toolkit launch on Oct 3 with 67 participants registered. Over 55 holds on the kits at the Library.
- Civic Agency application deadline November 10.

NEXT MEETING – November 23, 2017.

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 9:12 p.m.



CHAIR



DESIGNATED OFFICER



**ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

DATE: Thursday, October 26, 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 – September 28, 2017**
- 3. Environmental Initiatives Grant Program Applications**
Presentations, Discussion and Motion on Recommendations
 - a. 6:10 pm – Tool Sharing Library of St. Albert
 - b. 6:25 pm – St. Albert Urban Agriculture
 - c. 6:40 pm – St. Community Garden
 - d. 6:55 pm – St. Albert Daycare Society
- 4. Grandin Community Garden Grant Extension Request**
Discussion and vote
- 5. Grey Nuns White Spruce Park Grant Extension Request**
Discussion and vote
- 6. Public Participation Target – Committee Advice to Council**
Discussion and approve advice
- 7. Environmental Leadership Recognition Program**
Update
- 8. Round Table**
- 9. Next Meeting Date – November 23, 2017**
- 10. Adjournment**