

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

Present

T. Doran (via phone)
K. Crutchfield
B. Thronson (vice chair)
B. Marsh
V. Neary
Councillor B. Russell
S. Pearson
J. Gervais

Absent

None

Guests

Stephen Graham (City of St. Albert)
Tracy Tsui (City of St. Albert)
Brooke Hoeven (City of St. Albert)
Kevin Cole (City of St. Albert)

Staff

L. Kongsrude, Director, Environment
C. Benson, Manager, Environment
C. Brookes, Environmental Associate – Community

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair declared the agenda adopted as presented.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Chair declared the minutes of April 27, 2017 adopted as presented.

HERITAGE LAKES STORM SYSTEM DESIGN UPDATE

Kevin Cole, Director, Utilities

Kevin updated the committee on the progress of the Heritage Lakes Storm System rehabilitation project. An open house in May produced feedback from residents that lead to a redesign of one of the phases of construction. Maintenance issues along the constructed creek bed necessitated redesign, with

the intention to retain the functionality of the system as well as the aesthetics and sound of running water. EAC was asked to review new design and provide comments.

URBAN BEE KEEPING

Tracy Tsui, Planner

Brooke Hoeven, Planning Research Assistant

On Feb 6 2017 St. Albert City Council passed a motion that Administration develop policies and a bylaw related to Urban Beekeeping.

Brooke presented the proposed Urban Bee Keeping Bylaw, including all research and comparable bylaws within the Capital Region. Administration is still in process of conducting research, receiving expert feedback from industry experts, resident feedback and comment from internal City staff.

Residents still have many feedback opportunities for this summer, including events (such as St. Albert Farmer's Market) and through a survey on the City website. Brook and Tracy are requesting questions and feedback from the Environmental Advisory Committee. A subcommittee for advice was struck consisting of Ken Crutchfield and Ben Thronson. Subcommittee to meet in early June and committee to ratify advice during June meeting.

STORMWATER RATES MODEL

Stephen Graham, Senior Business Analyst

Stephen has been before the committee several times in 2016 for the Stormwater Rates Model and presented an update to the project:

- Biggest consideration for stormwater rates is impermeable surface calculation as this calculation would be very extensive, devised a compromise to incorporate lot size into storm rate model
- Commercial properties present different challenges due to share space aspect and resulted in a many calculation by staff
- Edmonton's system incorporates impermeable surfaces into rate calculation
- Engaged Stantec to incorporate a more scientifically based system using infrared and air photography
- Timelines: presenting to Council in September 2017, implementation into 2019 or potentially scaled approach with commercial/industrial

ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES GRANT PROGRAM

Christian Benson, Environment Department Manager

- 2017 marks the 10th year that the Environmental Initiative Grant has been awarded by the City and the Environmental Advisory Committee

- City would like to host a modest celebration night to acknowledge the 10th year of the grant
- The committee felt this could be a springboard to promote future grant applications and should be incorporated into City communication efforts
- Great opportunity to acknowledge how the EIG shaped the community
- Possibly to have a “What did we learn?” part of the celebration and advice to new applicants
- Past recipients could be contacted to provide a short speech discussing impact of the grant
- Involvement in this program impact on schools, normalizing environmental initiatives
- Longer term review of full scope of program (timeline of grant evolution)
- Poster board at this event for projects attendees much like to see occur in the City over the next years of the grant program

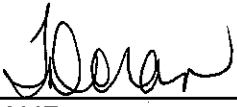
ROUND TABLE

- Committee welcomed new member, Joel Gervais to the Environmental Advisory Committee
- Community gardens are exceptionally popular, working on a program that would coordinate gardeners for people on vacation
- Solid Waste, “Take it or Leave” (Saturday, June 24th) Servus Place Parking lot. Waste Department is doing lots of event education over the course of the summer.
- Sturgeon River is at normal levels for this time of year, very positive.
- Dandelions, the City does not spray on public property.
- Barricades at SAP for a nesting mallard!
- Kevin Ma from the St. Albert Gazette may be writing a series of articles on the Sturgeon River
- City recently release a tender for the solar photovoltaic project. It will be placed at St. Albert's Transit Building in Campbell Business Park
- The Environment Department is preparing for the annual audit of the City's Environmental Management System at Public Works and Transit (ISO 14001)
- Naturalization projects are ongoing, Arbor Day will be held June 6th at Alpine Park where 530 grade 1 students will be planting trees and taking part in environmental education
- BLESS Migratory Bird Day May 27th
- NSWA meeting date June 22nd at the old timer's cabin in Edmonton
- Federal Building in Edmonton had a goose living on the ledge recently
- Province of Alberta's Energy Efficiency Program, buy your lightbulbs at the retail stores, which ends in June. Over 100,000 houses subscribed to the home energy efficiency programs.

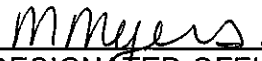
NEXT MEETING – June 22, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.



CHAIR



DESIGNATED OFFICER



**ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

DATE: Thursday, May 25, 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 – April 27, 2017**
- 3. Heritage Lakes Storm System Design Update**
Kevin Cole, Director, Utilities
- 4. *Urban Bee Keeping***
Tracy Tsui, Planner & Brooke Hoeven, Planning Research Assistant
- 5. Stormwater Rates Model**
Stephen Graham, Senior Business Analyst
- 6. Environmental Initiatives Grant Program**
10 Year Anniversary Celebration
- 7. Round Table**
- 8. Next Meeting Date – June 22, 2017**
- 9. Adjournment**