

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
K. Crutchfield
B. Marsh
V. Neary (D: 7:17 pm)
Councillor B. Russell
S. Pearson

Absent

J. Gervais
B. Thronson

Guests

Olivia Kwok, Waste & Diversion Programs Coordinator

Staff

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair declared the agenda adopted as presented.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Chair declared the minutes of March 23, 2017 adopted as presented.

SOLID WASTE & DIVERSION – *Public Education Update*

Olivia Kwok, Coordinator – Waste & Diversion Programs

~~O. Kwok reviewed current programs and 2017 education initiatives with the Committee.~~

Discussion included:

- Alkaline batteries go to the same place electronics
- Large game animals – request special disposal (D’Arcys meats in St. Albert will accept and process for a small fee)
- Hot water tanks made of precious metals so are accepted at the Recycle Depot but other large appliances are not. The recycle depot isn’t set up to accept these.

- Alberta Energy Efficiency program for energy efficient appliances and light bulbs starts on April 28 – may be in an influx of large appliances at the Recycle Depot.
- No commercial dumping at compost site – processed at a charge to the City. Residents pay for the compost depot through the utility so commercial companies shouldn't be using the depot.
- Biofuel – City of Edmonton – St. Albert discussing partnering on this project? Had some high-level conversations but nothing has been decided.
- If required, residents can subscribe to another green cart. Just need to pay a \$50 admin fee.
- City doesn't have a mechanism to track ICI (including some condo complexes) waste so the stats include residential. Good opportunity to go back to some of those condos that opted out at the beginning of the program and ask if they want the City waste services.
- Plastics – outside communities have different plastics accepted in their recycling programs. It is up to municipalities recycling contractor.
- Environment investigating single use plastic bags.
- Discussed blue carts – regionally based, carts have higher rate of contamination, don't see any carts in the region as the infrastructure isn't in Edmonton.
- Why is the recycling center closing on Sunday? Now that the depot accepts hazardous waste needs to be manned. The hours are the same as the Edmonton Eco Stations.
- Electronic utility bill attachments
- If waste falls out of the cart when the truck is emptying the cart, the City is responsible for cleaning it up.
- Electric garbage trucks – some municipalities use

ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES GRANT PROGRAM – Promotions Update

Staff attended the Neighborhood extravaganza, Block Party Boot Camps and Senior Expo to promote the grant program. Information scheduled for July 8.

Other promotions include: website, snap frames at Servus, LCD screens, Gazette ad, Citylights, mail out to schools, and working directly with teachers.

Suggestion to email past recipients. Include project ideas from other communities on the website.

The long-term vision of the Committee is that it will be mandatory for applicants to attend the information session (add box to the application for attending the info session). Commit an hour of their time to get \$5000.

Go early to the teachers – ask teachers when is a good time to have an info session, ask teachers what is holding them back from applying, what would be motivating them to go.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION TARGET - Discussion

Keep moving on the public events keeping in mind they are outdoor events and the numbers are going to be different.

N. Neary exited the meeting.

Subcommittee will meet and discuss.

JUNE ENVIRONMENTAL PROJECTS TOUR - Discussion

Tour idea locations include:

- AQMS
- Water Reservoir
- Heritage Lake
- Jensen Lakes
- Capital Region Waste Station
- Community gardens
- Food forest

M. Myers will send email with ideas and request Committee feedback.

ROUND TABLE

- Term position starting next week
- Rain barrel event – May 6
- Clean and Green RiverFest – May 13
- Block Party Boot Camp – May 1 and May 6
- Sturgeon River Watershed Alliance – riparian and natural area assessments along the river this summer. Contract been awarded. Bathmetric survey of Big lake – depth readings and assessment of the river crossings.
- Flowering Rush – problem on Lac Isle and Lac St Anne – doing some testing test plots) for eradication with the U of A.
- Free lightbulbs from AB Government – find out more information on April 28.
- Ab Government had anticipated 12,000 homes to sign up but they have 85,000 signed up.
- Mentor for community gardens – C Russel – don't take waiting list at the parish gardens. There is a demand for the community gardens in the city.
- Big Lake – had a forest around the lake and was cut down to build St. Albert and Edmonton.
- Water conservation – pie shaped lot - 45-gallon drum collects rain water to heat greenhouse
- Garden tours?
- Yellow Fish Road – starting to engage schools?

- Water Tech Conference – keynote that take pictures of abandoned infrastructure.

NEXT MEETING – May 25, 2017

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:00 p.m.



CHAIR



DESIGNATED OFFICER



**ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

DATE: Thursday, April 27, 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 – March 23, 2017**
- 3. Solid Waste & Diversion – Public Education Update**
Presentation and Discussion
Olivia Kwok, Coordinator - Waste & Diversion Programs
- 4. Environmental Initiatives Grant Program – Promotions Update**
- 5. Public Participation Target - Discussion**
- 6. June Environmental Projects Tour - Discussion**
- 7. Round Table**
- 8. Next Meeting Date – May 25, 2017**
- 9. Adjournment**