

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee held in the St. Albert Business Centre, on the above date at 6:01 pm.

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**Present**

T. Doran  
B. Korobanik  
B. Thronson  
B. Marsh  
V. Neary  
S. Pearson

**Absent**

K. Crutchfield  
Councillor B. Russell

**Staff**

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 September 22, 2016 adopted as presented.

**ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES GRANT PROGRAM APPLICATIONS**

**Applicant Presentation**

Moriganagh McNally, The Noah Project – local food production initiative

Applicant reviewed the details of her application with the group and the Committee followed up with questions.

Daryl D'Amico, Grey Nuns White Spruce Forest Working Group (GNWSPWG) – planting, invasive plant control, site preparation and publication

Applicant reviewed the GNWSPWG work over the last 3 years and the plan for the upcoming year. The plant competition problems in the Park were discussed in more detail. Committee followed up with questions.

**Review Environmental Initiatives Grant Applications**

Moved by B. Thronson

<b>St. Albert Urban Agriculture &amp; Arts and Heritage Foundation for community food forest</b> – continue with the success of 2014 grant project, the funds will be used to complete the planting of the Community Food Forest.	\$1,234.57
<b>Grandin Village Gardeners for a community garden</b> – the Grandin Village Gardeners utilized the grant in 2015 to construct and initiate a community garden. Funds from this grant provide additional beds, rain barrels and compost bins.	\$4600
<b>ESSMY Jr High School for a naturalization project</b> – funds will be used to purchase native plants for the natural area at the front of the school. The planting site will be incorporated in to the student curriculum.	\$3750
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$33,450</b>

\*The Environmental Initiatives Grant Procedure indicates that “funding for each project shall not exceed \$5,000, unless Council, by resolution, approves funding in excess of \$5,000”. Although these projects exceed this amount, the EAC is recommending that Council fund them in excess of \$5,000.

CARRIED

As part of the overall funding recommendations EAC provided the following statement to be included in the AR to City Council:

EAC recognizes the importance of the Grey Nuns White Spruce Park as Municipal Historical Resource and as such the EAC recommends the City Council considers allocating sustainable funding outside the Environmental Initiatives Grant Program. The EAC also recognizes the volunteer work of Dr. P. Murphy and D. D’Amico for the ongoing management of the GNWSP as such additional City resources may be needed to properly manage this resource. In recent years a significant portion of the EIF has been allocated to this work. In order to fund innovative and sustainable projects going forward a new sustainable source of funding should be a priority.

### **EIGP GRANT POLICY PROGRAM REVIEW**


M. Myers requested an update on the Environmental Initiatives Grant Program (EIGP) review completed in 2015/2016. It was explained that a subcommittee met following the 2015 allocation and recommended the following changes to the grant program:

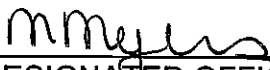
- Changes to the application
- 2 information sessions
- Provide the opportunity to apply year round
- Direct contact with the schools
- Push on marketing material early (March launch)
- Information posted at City hall, Servus Place, Library and Life Style Expo
- Increase Social media presence

**NEXT MEETING – November 24, 2016**

**ADJOURNMENT**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

  
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CHAIR

  
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DESIGNATED OFFICER



**ENVIRONMENTAL  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**DATE: Thursday, October 27, 2016**  
**TIME: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm**  
**PLACE: St. Albert Business Centre**  
**29 Sir Winston Churchill Ave.**

File No: 165-E4-2014

**AGENDA**

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- 1. Adoption of Agenda**
- 2. Adoption of Minutes – September 22, 2016**
- 3. Environmental Initiatives Grant Program Applications**  
*Presentations, Discussion and Motion on Recommendations*
- 4. EIGP Grant Policy Program Review**  
*Discussion, Efficacy of Advertising and Program Evaluation.*  
*Do we need to take a deeper look at the Policy or not?*
- 5. Urban Forest Policy and Management Plan**  
*Update, Louise Stewart*
- 6. Annual Report and Priorities**
- 7. Next Meeting Date**
  - a. November 24, 2016
- 8. Adjournment**