

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

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**Present**

T. Doran - Chair  
K. Crutchfield  
B. Korobanik  
B. Thronson  
B. Marsh  
V. Neary  
Councillor B. Russell, left meeting at 7:14pm

**Absent**

S. Pearson

**Guests**

Jill Cunningham

**Staff**

M. Mellross, Manager, Environment & Sustainability  
E. Isaac, Environmental Coordinator - Community

**ADOPTION OF AGENDA**

The Chair declared the agenda adopted as presented.

**ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

The Chair declared the minutes of January 28, 2016 adopted following a minor revision.

**PERMACULTURE EXTENSION REQUEST**

In attendance: Jill Cunningham

Moved by B. Marsh

That the Permaculture Design Course extension request be approved.

Moved by V. Neary

K. Crutchfield abstained

CARRIED

## **ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES GRANT PROCESS AND FORMS**

### **Update from Subcommittee**

Presented by: Administration, K. Crutchfield, T. Doran

The subcommittee provided an update on EIG application rates, potential barriers to participation and provided initial project ideas. Additionally, the committee proposed sending a survey to past grant applicants and to the broader community to learn more about the barriers and motivators to participation. Any actions taken prior to the June launch are solely to improve intake for 2016.

The subcommittee will continue to meet during the year to address the EIG process and bylaw. If necessary, proposed changes to the bylaw will be presented to Council later in the year and addressed for the 2017 grant year.

### **EV READINESS**

In attendance: Michael Trabysh & Steve Manchuk, ECO Charge

ECO Charge presented their business proposal for municipalities to change out existing park lighting infrastructure to accommodate new designs with solar and wind power options. They will also be presenting this concept to Smart City at a later date.

### **ROUND TABLE**

Members and staff provided information on items of general environmental interest.

B. Thronson – Writing a position paper at school on the provincial Climate Leadership Plan.

M. Mellross – Working on recommendations and grants for solar photovoltaic technologies. Suggested subcommittees continue conference calls in lieu of meeting in person.

K. Crutchfield – Highlighted recent Canadian Geographic Energy Matters articles and the ARC Financial article, *Crude Oil Investing in a Carbon Restrained World*. Will not be able to attend the next meeting.

V. Neary will not be able to attend the next meeting. The suggestion was made to move the next meeting to March 31 as the current date conflicts with the Easter long weekend and quorum may not be met.


E. Isaac and T. Doran will be attending the Alberta Energy Efficiency Alliance conference on Wednesday, March 2, 2016.

## NEXT MEETING DATE

The next meeting of the EAC is scheduled for Thursday, March 24, 2016. However, consideration will be given to changing the meeting date to March 31, 2016 should quorum not be met.

## ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:11 p.m.

  
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CHAIR  
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DESIGNATED OFFICER

DATE: **Thursday, February 25, 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 – January 28, 2016**
- 3. Permaculture Extension Request (6:15pm)**  
*Review and Discuss, Jill Cunningham available to take questions.*
- 4. EV Readiness (7:00pm)**  
*Presentation, ECO Charge, Michael Trabysh and Steven Manchuk*
- 5. Environmental Initiatives Grant Program**  
*Update from Subcommittee and Discuss*
- 6. Round Table**
- 7. Next Meeting Date**
  - a. March 24, 2016
- 8. Adjournment**