

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee held in the Synergy Building and remotely via Zoom, on the above date at 6:00 p.m.

Present:

Councillor Biermanski
Councillor Killick
K. Aschim
S. Kilborn
J. Lucas
A. Luck
B. Marsh – Chair (via Zoom)
C. Piercy – Vice Chair
M. Veitch

Staff:

M. Myers, Manager, Environment & EAC Staff Liaison

Guests:

Melissa Logan, Environmental Coordinator - Sturgeon River and Natural Areas, Government/Indigenous Relations & Environment
Erin Pickard, Operations Supervisor - Parks & Open Spaces, Public Operations

Welcome and Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:58 p.m. and welcomed the Committee members and staff in attendance.

Adoption of Agenda

The Chair declared the November 28, 2024, agenda adopted as presented.

Adoption of Minutes

The Chair declared the minutes of October 24, 2024, adopted as presented.

Integrated Pest Management Plan – Workshop

M. Logan and E. Pickard provided a presentation on the updates to the Integrated Pest Management Plan and led discussion and feedback on coyote and beaver management appendices of the plan.

Green Community Grant Program Applications - Review & Approve

Moved by S. Kilborn

That Environmental Advisory Committee move in camera to discuss a matter pursuant to Sections 19(1) and 24(1)(a) of the *Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee went in camera at 7:09 p.m.

Moved by J. Lucas
That the Committee reconvene in Public.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

The Committee reconvened in public at 8:00 p.m.

Moved by M. Veitch
That the details of the in camera discussion remain confidential.
CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

Moved by S. Kilborn
That the Environmental Advisory Committee approved the following Green Community Grant Program applications:

#	Project Name (alphabetical)	Project Description	\$ Requested	\$ Approved by EAC
1.	Big Lake Environment Support Society (BLESS)	Reprinting of BLESS's Bird Guide to Lois Hole Centennial Provincial Park. This book has recently 'sold out'. BLESS would like to use the proceeds from the sales of this guide to fund their activities to conserve the lake and the Sturgeon River.	\$2,861.00	\$0
2.	Coal Mine Park Stewards	Continue with the development of the pollinator garden and increase the volunteer base in being stewards to this public space. Planning to use a solar power water system to improve the success rate of expanding the pollinator garden and survival of existing native plants in the space. Planning to use this space as an education space for native and non-native plants, and to showcase the native pollinators in action.	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
3.	St. Albert-Sturgeon Metis Local Garden	Expand and continue to grow the Metis garden plot to provide fresh	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00

		vegetables to Métis Local members facing food instability and offers a space for cultural exchange, where gardening skills and traditional plant knowledge are passed down. It also addresses the need for traditional plants and medicines that are meaningful to Métis culture, fostering community connections and supporting cultural practices.		
4.	Wildrose Elementary School	Involves Grade 1 and Grade 2 students at Wild Rose Elementary School, who will visit Salisbury Greenhouse to learn about planting and caring for strawberry plants. In addition, students will attend sessions with Raymond Potts and Dr. Jones to explore Traditional Indigenous Knowledge before planting native species on the school grounds as part of the St. Albert Naturalization Projects. The initiative aims to deepen children's understanding of food production, environmental stewardship, and the value of Indigenous knowledge in preserving the natural world.	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
	Total Grant Funds Requested:		\$16,061.00	
	Total Grant Funds Available:		\$33,200.00	
	Total Grant Funds Approved:		\$9,500.00	

CARRIED UNANIMOUSLY

For: C. Piercey, A. Luck, J. Lucas, B. Marsh, S. Kilborn, M. Veitch

K. Aschim recused himself from the vote as he is a member of one of the organizations that is being considered.

EAC 2024 Annual Report - Review and Approve

M. Myers will initiate feedback on the EAC 2024 Annual Report through email for the Chair presentation to Council on January 15, 2025.

Round Table

The Environmental Advisory Committee members and staff provided feedback, discussed items of general interest, and gave final comments.

Next Meeting Date

Thursday, January 23, 2025 – 6:00 p.m. at Synergy Building, 110 Carleton Drive

Adjournment

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

CHAIR

DESIGNATED OFFICER