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**Advisory Committee Minutes and Agenda Items**  
**Presented by: David Leflar, Director, Legal & Legislative Services**

**Advisory Committee Minutes and Agenda Items:**

Youth Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 3, 2021

Community Services Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of January 26, 2021

Arts Development Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 24, 2021

Seniors' Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2021

Environmental Advisory Committee Meeting Minutes of February 25, 2021

**RECOMMENDED MOTION**

That the:

- Youth Advisory Committee unadopted Minutes of the February 3, 2021 meeting;
- Community Services Advisory Committee unadopted Minutes of the January 26, 2021 meeting;
- Arts Development Advisory Committee unadopted Minutes of the February 24, 2021 meeting including from associated Agenda package material;
- Seniors' Advisory Committee unadopted Minutes of the February 25, 2021 meeting; and
- Environmental Advisory Committee unadopted Minutes of February 25, 2021 meeting

be received as information.

**PURPOSE OF REPORT**

This report transmits to Community Living Standing Committee the unadopted Minutes arising from Advisory Committee meetings that occurred in January and February, 2021.

Two of the Advisory Committees passed motions that include recommendations for the Standing Committee to consider transmitting to Council with any recommendations the Standing Committee itself may wish to make. The Advisory Committee motions are as follows:

**Arts Development Advisory Committee motion:**

That the Arts Development Advisory Committee recommend to the Community Living Standing Committee that the Young Artist Legacy Grant proceed for 2021, and that the changes to the Young Artist Legacy Program Policy redlined version presented in option #2, and that the policy be reviewed again prior to 2022.

**Environmental Advisory Committee recommendation:**

That the Environmental Advisory Committee recommends to Community Living Standing Committee that [Council pass] a Clean Energy Improvement Tax Bylaw under Part 10, Division 6.1 of the Municipal Government Act and a motion to authorize the CAO to take the necessary steps to establish a Clean Energy Improvement Program, in order to give interested and qualifying St. Albert property owners the opportunity to make clean energy improvements to their properties (thereby reducing St. Albert's carbon footprint) for which the costs initially fronted by the City are paid or reimbursed over time through an annual special purpose property tax levy.

[NOTE: If the Standing Committee passes one or more motions to support any of the above recommendations, Administration will provide a Report or Backgrounder to accompany the motion(s) on a subsequent Council meeting Agenda.]

Report Date: March 8, 2021  
Committee: Community Living Standing

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee conducted remotely via Zoom, on the above date at 5:00 p.m. **\*UNADOPTED\***

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**Present**

Councillor J. Hansen  
H. Cossey  
S. Hanowski  
A. Khare - Chair  
S. Lord  
A. McGarrigle  
B. Marsh

**Absent**

A. Lefebvre – resigned February 24, 2021

**Staff**

C. Benson, Manager, Environment & Sustainability  
M. Myers, Environmental Coordinator – Community Strategy & Engagement

**Call to Order**

The Chair called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m. and welcomed the Committee members and staff in attendance.

**Adoption of Agenda**

The Chair declared the February 25, 2021 agenda adopted as presented.

**Adoption of Minutes**

The Chair declared the minutes of January 28, 2021 adopted as presented.

**Sturgeon River Watershed Management Plan**

L. Kongsrude, Executive Director of North Saskatchewan Watershed Alliance, provided a presentation on the Sturgeon River Watershed Management Plan.

**Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP)**

Committee reviewed draft CEIP backgrounder information to Council and approved the following motion.

Moved by S. Lord

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CARRIED

**Round Table**

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

M. Myers to confirm with the City's Youth Advisory Committee staff liaison that Environmental Advisory Committee members are interested in having a combined meeting in 2021.

**Next Meeting Date**

March 25, 2021

**Adjournment**

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 6:48 p.m.

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CHAIR

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## **Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP)**

### **Written Advice to City Council**

#### **Backgrounder:**

The Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) received a presentation from Municipal Climate Change Action Centre (MCCAC) staff on the Clean Energy Improvement Program (CEIP) and have reviewed quantitative results of St. Albert's CEIP Market Study. The EAC supports the development of the CEIP Bylaw and design of a CEIP program for St. Albert.

The CEIP program will allow residential homeowners to make energy efficiency and renewable energy upgrades more accessible. CEIP leverages an innovative financing solution known as Property Assessment Clean Energy (PACE), which allows property owners to access flexible, long-term financing through their municipality. Repayment is facilitated through an added charge to the participants regular property tax bill.

From an environmental perspective CEIP is directly linked to goal #2 of the City's Environmental Master Plan to reduce energy consumption and greenhouse gas emissions. St. Albert is progressing towards the corporate GHG reductions target; however, the City has not advanced the community target. The implementation of a CEIP program in St. Albert could further the community GHG emissions reductions targets.

In addition, aspects of the Clean Energy Improvement Program provide unique opportunities for the City of St. Albert including:

- Administrative and program support from MCCAC.
- Grant funding from the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM) Community Efficiency Financing program (application to open in April).
- Flexible and affordable financing, energy cost savings, loan transferability and increased property values for residential homeowners; and
- Increase in local jobs and progress towards sustainability goals.

At this time this program applies to residential homeowner however there is the opportunity for a commercial program.

In summary, the EAC strongly recommends Council proceed with the CEIP bylaw and program development.