

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
T. Fulton
A. Lefebvre
B. Marsh
B. Peori
M. Wheatley

Absent

Councillor N. Joly
Councillor J. Hansen
B. Thronson

Guests

D. Schick, Manager, Transportation

Staff

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair declared the agenda adopted as presented.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Chair declared the minutes of January 24, 2019 adopted as amended.

TRANSPORTATION MASTER PLAN UPDATE

D. Schick, Manager of Transportation

D. Schick presented the work completed to date on the Transportation Master Plan including an implementation plan overview and priority deliverables (road network, Intelligent Transportation System, public transportation, goods movement/network function, and active modes).

Discussion following the presentation included:

- Intelligent Transportation System – testing systems to improve the traffic flow (i.e. system recognizes large traffic volume and the traffic on the commuter roads are stopped).

- Linking Intelligent Transportation Systems to air quality (air quality monitoring station shows spikes during rush hour).
- Active transportation is a component in the Transportation Master Plan however not an actual plan.
- Implementation of the Smart City technology into the Vehicle Speed study occurred in 2018.
- Transportation Master Plan review and update scheduled for 2021.
- Gap assessment for active transportation network will be implemented until update of the Transportation Master Plan.

MUNICIPAL DEVELOPMENT PLAN

T. Doran represents the Environmental Advisory Committee on the Project Champion Team (PCT) for the Municipal Development Plan project, Flourish Growing to 100K.

The PCT were tasked with an exercise to complete with their respective committee. A subcommittee met last week to complete the exercise and develop preliminary feedback to review and discuss. The exercise includes a review of the current MDP goals and asks what the future goals should be. Attendees reviewed the subcommittee's suggestions and requested further comments be sent to T. Doran by March 18, 2019 (next Project Champion Meeting is March 19, 2019).

BYLAW AND POLICY - 4 YEAR REVIEW

City staff are required to review bylaws and Council policy every 4 years. In 2019, the environment documents for review include Environmental Initiatives Grant Council Policy, Environmental Advisory Committee Bylaw, and Environmental Sustainability Council Policy. Attendees reviewed the three documents and determined the Environmental Advisory Committee Bylaw and the Environmental Initiatives Grant Council Policy do not require any changes at this time.

It was determined that the Environmental Sustainability Policy should be reviewed. M. Myers will add it to the EAC meetings schedule.

ROUND TABLE


- CN railway fence – M. Wheatley expressed concern about the erection of the safety fence going through St. Albert. He was hoping to engage with the City in a constructive way. The response to the correspondence indicated that Administration will be implementing camera monitoring to see the effects of the fence on wildlife movement and will be working with CN to investigate possible breaks in the fence. It was determined that the EAC Chair will email Councillor Joly to obtain more information on the project.
- Zero discharge challenge for municipalities to help find markets for wastewater (company name is Swirl Tex). St. Albert isn't eligible because we are on the regional system.

- Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) now called Clean Energy Improvement Program is a provincial initiative and will be administered by Energy Efficiency Alberta. The City of Edmonton is doing a pilot (likely in 2020) and St. Albert (C. Benson is the staff representative) is on an advisory committee. C. Benson will update the Committee as he gets more information.
- Community Recognition Program - three nominations under the environmental stewardship category were received for the EAC to review at the March meeting. The nomination package will be delivered directly to EAC members. The review will be in camera and the recommendations will be provided to Council confidentially.

NEXT MEETING – March 28, 2019

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.



CHAIR



DESIGNATED OFFICER

