

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

Councillor N. Joly
T. Doran
A. Lefebvre
B. Peori
B. Marsh
T. Fulton
B. Thronson

Absent

M. Wheatley

Staff

K. Polkovsky, Director, Utilities & Environment
C. Benson, Manager, Environment
M. Myers, Environmental Coordinator – Community Strategy & Engagement

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair declared the agenda adopted as amended.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Chair declared the minutes of April 25, 2019 adopted as presented.

Public Participation Target

- In 2017, the Committee reviewed the public participation target (1000 or more participants in RiverFest, Arbor Day, and naturalization projects by 2020). The target was reviewed because 1375 participants was reached in 2015 (this year was an anomaly as participation depends on weather and an entire school planted this year) and then dropped in 2016.
- It was noted that the target of 1000 or more likely couldn't be reached again unless an additional Arbor Day was added to Environment programming. In 2018, City staff hosted 2 Arbor Days so that all grade 1 students in St. Albert could participate (the program was transferred to Environment from Rec and Parks). In addition, the City's naturalization program has matured, and the participation is at an all time high.
- In 2017, it was recommended that other community participation (not just RiverFest, Arbor Day and naturalization events) be tracked and that the target get updated in the review of the Environmental Master Plan. The review was postponed to 2020.

- Brief discussion on how to meaningfully track environmental stewardship? These are the programs the City offers RiverFest, naturalization projects, Spruce Up St. Albert kick off with the garbage can design contest, Partners In Parks, school cleanups, neighbourhoods cleanups, weed warrior events. Outside organizations – Botanic Park, Food Forest, etc.

Local Action Plan for Energy Conservation and Reducing Greenhouse Gas Emissions

- The update of the Energy Conservation Action Plan has been a EAC priority for two years.
- Based on resources, Environment staff determined an update of the Action Planning tables in the report was the best strategy.
- Reviewed draft action plan for EAC input.

Environmental Sustainability Council Policy

- Committee provided changes to the policy at the April meeting. Administration has developed a red-lined version of the City Council Policy for EAC approval.
- Next steps – Environment staff will schedule the policy for City Council approval.

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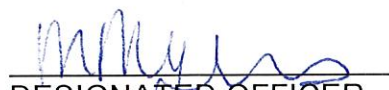
- Summary of the Lacombe Park community garden meeting (Tara and Brad).
- TD Clean and Green RiverFest was a success with approximately 275 participants and 298 trees planted.
- Partners In Parks Kick Off at Hole's had 50 participants (record high).
- June is Bike Month – City is hosting three free bicycle tune up stations – June 18 & 21, 2019 from 12-4 p.m. and June 26, 2019 from 5:30-8:30 p.m. behind City Hall along the river.
- Tour planning in progress – Grey Nuns White Spruce Park, Utilities infrastructure (reservoir or lift station). Other suggestions included air quality monitoring station and green building projects (new Fire Hall).

NEXT MEETING – June 27, 2019 (Off Site Tour)

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 8:16 p.m.


CHAIR


DESIGNATED OFFICER