

Minutes of a Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee conducted remotely via Zoom platform, on the above date at 5:00 pm.

Present

Councillor N. Joly
A. Khare
T. Fulton
A. Lefebvre
A. McGarrigle
B. Peori
S. Hanowski
S. Lord

Guests

C. Kupsch, Municipal Energy Specialist, City of St. Albert
G. Redmond, Executive Director, Alberta Capital Airshed
K. McCullum, Data Manager, Alberta Capital Airshed

Staff

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

ADOPTION OF AGENDA

The Chair declared the agenda adopted as amended.

- Time of the meeting changed from 6-8 p.m. to 5-7 p.m.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

The Chair declared the minutes of February 27, 2020 adopted as presented.

AIR QUALITY IN THE CAPITAL REGION

Gary Redmond, Executive Director, Alberta Capital Airshed
Kevin McCullum, Data Manager, Alberta Capital Airshed

G. Redmond and K. McCullum presented the following information and the Committee were provided the opportunity to ask questions:

- Introduction to Alberta Capital Airshed
- Monitoring air quality in the airshed
- Trends
- Access to air quality data
- Air quality awareness
- Opportunities for public participation in air quality monitoring.

MUNICIPAL ENERGY MANAGER PROGRAM

Cassie Kupsch, Municipal Energy Specialist

C. Kupsch presented on the following information and the Committee had an opportunity to ask questions:

- Position overview
- Energy basics review
- Portfolio of buildings under consideration
- Benchmarking analysis
- Draft greenhouse gas reduction goals
- Energy Management Assessment
- Energy Management Plan
- Building Shutdown Consumption Monitoring
- Other projects
- Looking ahead

ROUND TABLE

- Environmental Master Plan engagement and the Parks Bylaw (EAC priorities).
- 2019 Report on the Environment on hold until fall.
- Discussion on hosting EAC meetings on ZOOM indefinitely.
- A. Lefebvre going on maternity leave in June but will be continuing with the Committee in September.
- Backyard hen license applications increased following the response to COVID-19 health restrictions.
- 2019 Environmental Initiatives Grant Program (EIGP) recipients – majority of projects put on hold. The Committee will likely need to review requests for grant project extensions at the next meeting (mostly schools). There is a chance that the EIGP will be put on hold for 2020. This will be confirmed as Council decides on how the City will make up budget shortfalls.
- June EAC meeting – suggestion that if there isn't anything of high priority that needs to be discussed then perhaps postpone meeting until September.

NEXT MEETING – June 25, 2020

ADJOURNMENT

The Chair declared the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Tara Fulton

Tara Fulton (Dec 15, 2020 09:00 MST)

CHAIR

Renee McDonald

Renee McDonald (Dec 4, 2020 11:43 MST)

LEGISLATIVE OFFICER