

## Environmental Advisory Committee Update

### January 2018 – November 2018

The Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) last provided a Report for Information to Council November 21, 2017 to report on their activities for 2017. The EAC met a total of four times from January 2018 to November 2018, with a fifth meeting expected before the end of 2018. The EAC has been focused on addressing the items listed in their mandate letter. However the Committee would also like to advise Priorities Committee that a report will be coming forward to Council for approval to add other items to their mandate letter.

Activity	Requested Completion Date	Update
Provide input on the Transit Master Plan	Q4 2019	Many of the committee members participated in the first round of public engagement for the Transit Master Plan. They further discussed their experience with the public engagement during the round table portion of the Committee meetings. Transit representatives attended the October 1, 2018 meeting to provide an update on the Transit Master Plan.
Provide input on park/trail plans (Sally Stewart, Trails Strategy, etc.)	Q4 2019	The EAC has been identified as a stakeholder group for the Recreation and Culture Strategy. As such, the committee will receive a stakeholder survey. All other members will be encouraged to fill out a household survey. The EAC will also be invited to a 'digging deeper' session as the process continues.
Provide input on the Agriculture Master Plan Implementation Strategy	Q4 2019	The Food and Agriculture Sector Development Strategy is anticipated to be larger in scale, similar to the Urban Agriculture Strategy. There will be more opportunities for the EAC to provide input regarding this specific component of the Agriculture Master Plan Implementation Strategy beginning in 2019.
Provide input on the potential update of the Land Use Bylaw and Bremner	Q4 2019	PDS is planning on engaging with the EAC in 2019 regarding the Bremner Area Project.

The Environmental Advisory Committee also expressed interest in other topics outside of the scope of the mandate letter including air quality and recycling.

The committee received a presentation from the Alberta Capital Airshed where they learned about airsheds, air quality, and monitoring efforts. The committee was especially interested in Clean Air Day and other similar education campaigns that the County participates in. With this in mind, the EAC would like to express a desire to add an activity to the mandate letter regarding the review and promotion of environment initiative days; a report will be coming forward to Council for approval. The possibility of an anti-idling bylaw was also discussed. However the Committee feels that an education campaign would be more effective and a better use of resources.

In 2017, Administration was tasked by Council to work with the EAC with regards to improving textile reuse in Strathcona County. The committee was particularly interested in receiving updates regarding this initiative as well as the recent changes to the Green Routine system. While Utilities was unable to attend an EAC meeting, they did provide updates to the Committee regarding the textile task and recycling in general. The committee would like to express their support for Strathcona County participating in The Last Straw Campaign in future years, as well as exploring a plastic bag ban or related initiatives to reducing plastic consumption and resources in the County. Issues surrounding waste, recycling, and public awareness were frequently discussed during the roundtable portions of the Committee meetings, as well as in offline email conversations.

The chair attended Eli Mina Consulting's Effective Meetings Workshop on February 21 and was grateful to be able to apply her learnings to the Environmental Advisory Committee. Members of the EAC participated in public consultation for the Transit Master Plan as individuals and were able to bring their perspective and feedback back to the larger group. One of the public members of the EAC resigned from the Committee in September.