

## COMMITTEE OF COUNCIL UPDATE

**MEETING DATE:** May 26, 2025

**COMMITTEE / BOARD NAME:** Leduc Environmental Advisory Board (LEAB)

**PREPARED BY:** M. Paradis, LEAB Chair

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### UPDATE

The Leduc Environmental Advisory Board (LEAB) works to advise Council on environmental matters and propose to Council any programs or practices for the protection, enhancement, and wise use of the environment. The Board also works to disseminate information to and for residents of the City of Leduc and fosters a better appreciation of wise and prudent environmental practices.

LEAB is submitting an annual update of their activities for 2024 – 2025.

LEAB elected new leadership at the beginning of 2025, electing Mindy Paradis as Chair, and James Turner as Vice Chair.

In the past year, LEAB has hosted, attended, participated or supported the following activities: Business Expo 2024, Spring and Christmas Bird Counts, Arbour Day Tree Planting, Pollinator Garden Challenge, VolunteerFest 2024, the Yellowfish Road with the Leduc Scouts, Citizens of Distinction, and the purchase of kits accessible through the library for bird watching and home energy efficiency. Additionally, LEAB has attended a landfill tour to better acquaint themselves with the waste management activities of the City of Leduc and purchased supplies for a Community Clean Up event occurring in 2025.

Highlights of LEAB's efforts this year include:

- Working with the City to assist residents with the safe and effective use of pesticides, leading to the Spray Smart Pesticide Campaign that was developed in 2024 and ongoing into 2025;
- Pursuit of Council approval for the Natural Asset Inventory occurring in 2025; and
- 3,165 trees planted during Arbour Day by 132 volunteers.

LEAB will continue to work on their existing actionable initiatives, as well as continue to monitor those topics deemed environmentally relevant, such as the City of Leduc's recent opt-in status of the Extended Producer Responsibility (EPR) program. They have also renewed their focus on the Light Efficient Community initiative.

### ATTACHMENTS

2025 LEAB Annual Presentation