



## MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

Langley City Hall – CKF Room  
20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley, BC

THURSDAY, MARCH 13, 2025 AT 6:01 P.M.

Present: Councillor Paul Albrecht, Chair  
Amika Watari, Youth Representative  
Ellen Hall, Member at Large  
Lisa Boughen, Member at Large  
Lisa Dreves, Langley Field Naturalists  
Navneet Sandu, Member at Large  
Nichole Marples, Langley Environmental Partners Society

Staff: Perry Browne, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator  
Natasha Loewen, Clerk, Engineering, Parks & Environment  
Tera Edell, Recreation Supervisor

Absent: Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Vice Chair, with regrets  
Mallory Palliyaguru, Member at Large, with regrets  
David Pollock, Director, Engineering, Parks & Environment, with regrets

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The Chair acknowledged that the land on which we gather is the traditional unceded territory of the Katzie, Kwantlen, Matsqui and Semiahmoo First Nations.

### 1. AGENDA

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the MARCH 13, 2025 Agenda for the Environmental Sustainability Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

### 2. MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the FEBRUARY 13, 2025 Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting be adopted as amended relating to item 3.2.12 should be KFN instead of KPU.

CARRIED

### **3. DISCUSSION**

#### **1. Earth Day 2025**

- 1.1. Scheduled on April 26, from 10am to 2pm, with setup tentatively at 9am.
- 1.2. Nichole Marples of LEPS has been coordinating with Metro Vancouver regarding the water wagon display. Nichole to confirm Metro Vancouver's requirements (water and power) and update Tera Edell.
- 1.3. The Committee discussed the amount of detergent that is required for washing clothes, and that less could be used. Councillor Paul Albrecht is gaining further information from Metro Vancouver, and the topic may be included with the water wagon display.
- 1.4. Tera Edell confirmed the Recreation Centre, washrooms and parking lot are still under construction.
- 1.5. The City may be renting semi-permanent toilets as the washrooms are under construction. Tera Edell, Perry Browne and David Pollock to discuss if the semi-permanent toilets will be available at the event.
- 1.6. The Committee discussed the possibility of the art competition entries being transported to Douglas Park to be displayed at the event. Staff support tentatively requested for transporting the entries.
- 1.7. There was discussion around the possibility of having live music on stage and it was confirmed there is a power source on stage.
- 1.8. Nichole Marples of LEPS has requested 150 native plants for the event.
- 1.9. The Crime Prevention Committee will manage the bike valet. There was consensus that the bike valet should be close to the stage and the HUB e-bike trials to gain more attention. Perry Browne to coordinate fencing.
- 1.10. Amika Watari suggested a videographer for the event and will forward the details to Natasha Loewen to obtain the guide and regulations.
- 1.11. There was discussion around KFN's edible plants booth, and Nichole Marples of LEPS will connect with KFN to gauge interest in attending.
- 1.12. The Station Café is interested in attending with a booth focusing on social development and the café's story.
- 1.13. Nichole Marples of LEPS to email updated information to Tera Edell to coordinate City website updates.
- 1.14. City Staff will be on site on April 26 at 8:30am to transport material from City Hall to Douglas Park.
- 1.15. There was discussion on planting a tree in the community garden as the tree planting was successful in 2024. Due to lack of space in the garden, the tree planting will be on hold for 2025.
- 1.16. There was agreement that a bat booth would be welcomed. Lisa Dreves of LFN to coordinate.

#### **2. ESC Work Plan**

- 2.1. The Committee discussed the draft objectives for this year.
  - 2.1.1. There is demand for more community gardens, but LEPS does not have the capacity to coordinate additional gardens. Perry Browne and David Pollock to review capacity with the Operations and Parks departments.
  - 2.1.2. There was discussion around the hazard of dog waste left around city parks and streams and the need for additional signage at trail heads. The Committee to discuss the best approach and put forth to Council for funding approval.
  - 2.1.3. There is interest from the Committee in becoming a bee friendly city.

**4. STANDING ITEMS**

N/A

**5. ROUND TABLE**

1. Additional Members
  - 1.1. Council approved the senior member at large position, which is open for applications.
2. There is a UFMS presentation for a tree bylaw tentatively scheduled for the May meeting.
3. LEPS hosting Seedy Saturday on March 22.
4. LEPS' rain barrel sale details to follow at the next meeting.
5. Climate Crisis Action Partners inquired with LEPS if Langley City would be interested in green walls that provide shade in various parks. Lisa Dreves of LFN to provide more information when available.
6. The Citizens' Assembly welcoming party will be at the Station Café on March 15.
7. There was agreement that the Volunteer Appreciation event was favorable, and there were no complaints.

**6. ADJOURNMENT**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:44 pm.

CARRIED

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CHAIR

Certified Correct:

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Director of Engineering, Parks & Env.