



ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

THURSDAY, MAY 15, 2025 AT 6:00 p.m.
Langley City Hall
20399 Douglas Crescent, Langley, BC

A G E N D A

- 1) **LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT**
- 2) **AGENDA**
Adoption of the May 15, 2025 agenda
- 3) **MINUTES**
Adoption of the minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting held April 10, 2025
- 4) **DISCUSSION**
 1. Tree Bylaw Presentation by Diamond Head
 2. Earth Day Debrief
 3. Finalize 2025 Committee Work Plan
- 5) **STANDING ITEMS**
N/A
- 6) **ROUND TABLE**
N/A

ADJOURNMENT

FUTURE MEETING DATES

- June 12, 2025; July 10, 2025; September 11, 2025; October 9, 2025; November 13, 2025; December 11, 2025

Please notify Natasha Loewen at nloewen@langleycity.ca of your **confirmed attendance** to be able to meet the quorum requirements to hold the meetings.



MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE

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

THURSDAY, APRIL 10, 2025 AT 6:04 P.M.

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

Staff: David Pollock, Director, Engineering, Parks & Environment
Perry Browne, Environmental Sustainability Coordinator
Natasha Loewen, Clerk, Engineering, Parks & Environment

Absent: Alyssa Purse, Member at Large, with regrets

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 APRIL 10, 2025 Agenda for the Environmental Sustainability Committee be adopted.

CARRIED

2. MINUTES

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the MARCH 13, 2025 Minutes of the Environmental Sustainability Committee meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3. DISCUSSION

1. Earth Day 2025

- 1.1. Scheduled on April 26, from 10am to 2pm, with setup tentatively at 9am.
- 1.2. 17 participants are confirmed, including the bat booth.
- 1.3. The Electronic Recycling Association (ERA) will attend to collect items. Nichole Marples of LEPS will promote the collection event.
- 1.4. Papa Johns requested to attend the invite to provide pizza at no charge.
- 1.5. The committee discussed the various planting options and agreed that small potted plants with biosolids would be ideal.
- 1.6. Upcycle Challenge:
 - 1.6.1. There was consensus the Upcycle Challenge was advertised well, but only 6 entries were received, possibly due to the early cut-off.
 - 1.6.2. The Committee discussed various strategies to gain more entries including how to incorporate the schools and gain teacher support.
 - 1.6.3. There was discussion around transporting the entries to Douglas Park, but the Committee agreed it would be best to take photos of the entries to display at the event, instead of transporting the entries.
 - 1.6.4. There was an agreement that the winners should be announced on stage at the event.
 - 1.6.5. It would be beneficial for the Langley Arts Council to attend next year to assist with the Upcycle Challenge.
- 1.7. The topic of recycling jeans was explored, but it was agreed it would be feasible next year when Douglas Rec Centre is available.
- 1.8. Amika Watari inquired about the Committee's thoughts on what Earth Day means to them to aid with the vision and goals for the Videographer.
- 1.9. The Videographer has requested to film at Timms Community Centre prior to Earth Day. Perry Browne to coordinate with the Communications Department.
- 1.10. There currently isn't any entertainment for the event, and the Committee is encouraged to provide suggestions.

2. ESC Work Plan

- 2.1. The Committee discussed the draft objectives for this year, and will finalize the work plan at the next meeting.
 - 2.1.1. There was discussion around creating a Climate Action Strategy as there is currently no official document. There was agreeance to create milestones such as walkability and waste streams to the work plan.
 - 2.1.2. The Committee discussed the benefit of providing guiding principles to Developers to educate them about the about the environment when building in Langley City. It was suggested that Carl Johannsen, Director of Development Services, could possibly attend an ESC meeting to discuss the department's practices and requirements related to development applications. Staff Liaison to coordinate.
 - 2.1.3. The Tree Inventory project is out for tender and is expected to be awarded in the next few weeks.
 - 2.1.4. The Tree Protection Bylaw has been awarded to Diamond Head and there are 2 anticipated workshops to follow.

4. STANDING ITEMS

1. Food Security
 - 1.1. There seems to be interest from the Downtown Langley Businesses in having container gardens. There was discussion around subsidized container gardens for Raphael House and if there was a budget to provide the containers. Councillor Rosemary Wallace and Ellen Hall to gauge interest from Raphael House.

5. ROUND TABLE

1. Introduction of New Committee Member
 - 1.1. Welcome and brief orientation of the new member.
2. Dog Waste
 - 2.1. Staff Liaison confirmed the contract has been signed to provide bins at trail heads and parks.
 - 2.2. Lisa Dreves of LFN provided various signage options for Committee consideration.
 - 2.3. The Committee discussed the need for education and the possibility of including information about dog waste and recycling in the City's monthly notice.
3. Bat Friendly Community
 - 3.1. Committee members are encouraged to consider strategies for events and outreach programs.
4. The following events were discussed:
 - 4.1. LEPS is hosting the rain barrels sale until April 27.
 - 4.2. LEPS hosting a garden seminar on May 3.
 - 4.3. MEC is hosting a gear swap on May 10.
 - 4.4. MEC is accepting used socks for recycling in the month of April.
 - 4.5. Amika Watari created a video for MEC showing how to repair a waterproof jacket.

6. ADJOURNMENT

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 7:43 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

Certified Correct:

Director of Engineering, Parks & Env.

Environmental Sustainability Committee 2025 Work Plan

Mandate

The overall mandate of the Environmental Sustainability Committee (ESC) is to provide advice to Council with respect to environmental sustainability issues which is consistent with the City of Langley's Strategic Plan.

Objective

Specific responsibilities of the Committee include, but are not limited to, the following:

- To provide advice to Council on a wide range of existing and emerging environmental sustainability issues and trends including strategic planning initiatives, bylaws, and policy development;
- To provide a local perspective on the environment while giving due consideration to the balance between social, environmental and economic aspects;
- To identify and review opportunities for environmental protection and enhancement within the City and advise Council of the same;
- To advise Council on issues of environmental importance to stakeholder groups and to the community at large; and
- To identify and advise on ways to build local environmental awareness and promote environmental stewardship within the City.

Action Plan Items

Action Items	Timeline	Responsibility	Expected Outcomes	Resources
Identify specific action items integral to the stated objective (add or delete objectives or rows as needed).	Identify estimated timeline and/or end date for action items.	Identify working groups, subcommittees, and/or committee member(s) responsible for completing each action item, as appropriate.	Outline expected achievements and deliverables from each action item. Ideally, these are measurable indicators of success.	Identify any resources (e.g. staff liaison, City staff other than staff liaison, City funds) that will be needed in order to complete the action items. <i>(See Notes below)</i>
Objective 1				
A. Earth Day	Q1 – April 26, 2025: Event	Nichole Marples to spearhead ESC Members as needed	Increased public awareness & participation	City staff support
Objective 2				
A. Increase & Preserve Tree Canopy	Q2/Q3	Perry Browne ESC Members as needed	Tree planting strategy, mini forest	City staff support
Objective 3				
A. Tree Protection & Inventory	Q4	Perry Browne ESC Members as needed	Council approval by the end of 2025 Completed by end of 2025	TBA
1. Tree Protection Bylaw				
2. Tree Inventory				
Objective 4				
A. Bat Friendly Community	Q2/Q3	ESC Members to consider strategies for implementation	Education & advertising for bat week in October 2025	TBA
Objective 5				
A. Climate Action Goals	Q4	ESC Members to propose a strategy	Supporting bike lanes, buses Education around dog waste	City Staff Support
1. Walkability				
2. Waste Streams				
Objective 6				
A. Additional Community Gardens	Q4	ESC Members to gauge interest	Education & food security	TBA

Potential Items if Priority Items Complete

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Objective 7				
A. Sustainability Charter (Educate & Empower, Definition of Sustainability)			Education & Action	
Objective 8				
A. Bee Friendly City				
Objective 9				
A. Light Pollution (New Developments)				

Notes:

The advisory body may undertake multiple initiatives; however, if staff resources are required, the advisory body shall undertake only one initiative at a time.

The advisory body does not have the authority to give direction to staff or to commit to expenditure of funds.

Action recommended by the advisory body must be done by resolution to City Council and with their approval prior to implementation.