



ENVIRONMENTAL TASK GROUP

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2022 AT 7:00 p.m.

Via Electronic Video Conference

This meeting will be conducted by electronic means. For information on how to attend this meeting please visit the Committees & Task Group's webpage of the City's website Langleycity.ca

A G E N D A

1) INTRODUCTION

The Chair will introduce the committee and two new members

2) AGENDA

Adoption of the February 10, 2022 agenda.

3) MINUTES

Adoption of the minutes of the Environmental Task Group meeting held December 9, 2021.

4) DISCUSSION

1. Confirm activities and required planning actions for an Earth Day event on April 23, 2022.
2. The 2022 Budget includes a request for an Environmental Sustainability Coordinator. If approved, it will take approximately 3-4 months to fill. A large part of the time is to draft the job description and have it reviewed by Metro Vancouver and pay grade assignment and then one month for advertising and interviews. Chair and Co-chair can speak to this.
3. Changing the Environmental Task Group to the Environmental Sustainability Committee. Chair and Co-chair to speak to this.

ADJOURNMENT

2022 MEETING DATES

Mar 10, Apr 14, May 12, June 9, July 14, Sept 8, Oct 13, Nov 10, Dec 8

Please notify Janine Clough at jclough@langleycity.ca of your **confirmed attendance** to be able to meet the quorum requirements to hold this meeting.



MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL TASK GROUP

REMOTE VIDEO CONFERENCE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2021 AT 7:03 P.M.

Present: Councillor Rosemary Wallace, Chair
Councillor Paul Albrecht, Vice Chair,
Nichole Marples, Langley Environmental Partners Society
Lisa Dreves, Langley Field Naturalists
Ellen Hall, Member at Large

Staff: Samantha Paulson, Communications Officer
Jonn Epplette, Manager of Parks Operations
Janine Clough, Recording Secretary

Absent: Rick Bomhof, Director of Engineering, Parks & Environment, with regrets
Lisa Stephens, 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) **ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the December 9, 2021 agenda for the Environmental Task Group be adopted.

CARRIED

2) **MINUTES**

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT NOVEMBER 18, 2021 minutes of the Environmental Task Group meeting be adopted.

CARRIED

3) **DISCUSSION**

Jonn Epplette, Manager of Park Operations introduced himself to the members

a) Earth Day, April 22, 2022

Nichole shared the following information she gathered from the Earth Day website:

- the Action/Reduction Waste Management Program would be a good fit as the ETG has been discussing this over the last year.

Earth Day Canada municipality support:

- They offer training programs and we are awaiting information if there is any cost associated with this.
- They also have questions for the municipality to answer to get a better idea of what we would be looking to do or achieve.
- Further discussion and information will be needed to confirm what the city would want to contribute to this initiative.

ACTION: Nichole will register the City with Earth Day Canada now to receive more information at a later date.

It was also noted that Vancouver will begin charging a 25 cent fee for disposable cups to encourage the use of reusable cups.

Samantha, City communications officer can prepare themed educational materials to distribute to the public and businesses. The committee is to create the content and Samantha can design and distribute the materials through the City of Langley communication channels.

It was discussed that this could work well with regards to implementing sustainable business initiatives. This campaign could be introduced in a public 'event' setting. LEPS would work with the city on this initiative. It was also discussed that there are many Langley volunteer groups and a Youth Committee that we can approach to participate in an event. We will need to check if Community Record Checks and double vaccine checks would be required?

- * It has been confirmed that all volunteers are required to provide double vaccine status.

Other ideas / activities discussed were:

- upcycling clothing
- tree planting
- challenge a day without a computer, car or TV
- teach how to grow food (sustainability) leading up to the growing season.

- Inviting the public to an educational event at a Community Garden, with the knowledge that the city will be adding more plots to the Rotary Park Community Garden.
- outline what plants grow well in our climate or in planters and what does not?
- host an educational scavenger hunt

4) **ROUND TABLE**

The City's implementation of the waste audit was discussed. This audit collected information on the 3 streams of garbage collected in downtown receptacles and staff is now asking for capital to create a plan and procedure to improve the proper sorting, pick up and disposal of these streams.

LEPS worked with the City Parks Dept to plant new plants in parks throughout the City of Langley. Can this work be summarized and presented to council?

ACTION: Lisa will send the list of locations to Jonn.

It was MOVED and SECONDED

THAT the meeting adjourn at 8:20 pm.

CARRIED

CHAIR

Certified Correct:
jc

RECORDING SECRETARY

Earth Day Canada offers municipalities (both small and large) a variety of environmental programs and resources. Read more about them here and check out our website for further details.



SWITCH TO RENEWABLE WEBSITE

A WEBSITE ABOUT RENEWABLE ENERGY

This new website provides an overview of how electricity is managed and sourced in each province and highlights municipal renewable energy success stories.

👉 Check it out [here!](#)

TREE PLANTING RELAY

A MONTHLY EARTH DAY EVENT

A great way for municipalities to highlight their dedication to addressing climate change and to reiterate their commitment to sustainability by planting trees in honor of Earth Day.

👉 Learn more [here!](#)



ECOHACK-A-CITY (ONLINE)

(DESIGN THINKING HACK-A-THON PROGRAM FOR MUNICIPAL ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE)

This new program supports Canadian municipalities in tackling a pressing, local environmental challenge through engagement and training of local stakeholders, that work with municipal staff with a professional facilitator to “hack” this challenge.

👉 Find out more [here](#)





ACTION/REDUCTION **WASTE MANAGEMENT PROGRAM**

Earth Day Canada has a successful waste management program that can be delivered for a municipality to their local businesses. It provides support to neighbourhood bricks & mortar businesses that wish to adopt eco-responsible practices and reduce waste at the source.

👉 [Learn more about the Rosemont \(Montreal\) Zero Waste Business Challenge](#)

MUNICIPALITIES MOBILIZING **ANNUAL EARTH DAY CAMPAIGN** **(WITH MUNICIPAL COMMUNICATIONS TOOLBOX)**

Are you starting to prepare for next year's Earth Day? There are lots of helpful resources and tips on the Earth Day Canada website. [Register now](#) for the 2022 Municipalities Mobilizing campaign and you won't miss any updates regarding support and new resources for next year.

👉 [Register here](#)



CONTACT

DO NOT HESITATE TO CONTACT US SO THAT YOUR MUNICIPALITY CAN BENEFIT FROM EARTH DAY SERVICES



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Janine Clough

Subject: FW: Are you starting to plan for Earth Day 2022 soon?
Attachments: EDC Programs for Municipalities 2021.pdf

From: Katherine Forster <kforster@earthday.ca>
Sent: November 11, 2021 12:15 PM
Subject: Are you starting to plan for Earth Day 2022 soon?

Hello!

We are reaching out to you and other municipalities today to offer support for your sustainability and environmental goals. Earth Day Canada is a charitable organization that helps municipalities, organizations and individuals reduce their impact on the environment by taking action on Earth Day and every day. We are proud to support **municipalities that are contributing to the ecological transition and who are mobilizing to take bold steps toward creating healthier environments.**

The Earth Day Canada team carries out a wide range of initiatives year-round executing major programs in the fields of **waste management, tree planting, electric mobility, educational workshops, and more.** We have many free resources available to municipalities and some fabulous programs:

- [Switch to Renewable](#) (information portal for individuals, organizations and municipalities)
- Earth Day April 22nd – [List of Suggestions for Earth Day Activities](#)
- [Tree Planting Relay](#) (monthly tree planting pledge for municipalities)
- [EcoHack-a-City](#) (hack-a-thon for municipal stakeholders to tackle local environmental challenge)
- [Action/Reduction](#) (waste diversion awareness and training to support local sustainability efforts)

Learn more about these municipal offerings on the [Earth Day Canada website](#) or take a look at our Municipal Offerings pdf (attached).

Are you starting to plan for Earth Day 2022 now? Please consider joining the **2022 Municipalities Mobilizing for Earth Day (April 22nd)** – 115 municipalities participated last year and we're hoping for many more for this upcoming year!

You can easily [register here](#) for the Earth Day Canada 2022 Municipalities Mobilizing Campaign and we will send you more details starting in January to plan your Earth Day activities and celebrations and promote Earth Day in April. And please don't hesitate to contact us if you need any help as you start planning for your municipal Earth Day activities and events for April 22nd 2022. We are here to help out!

Thank you so much for all you do for the environment and have a great day!

- Katherine

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