



City of Red Lodge, Sustainability Board

MINUTES – June 15, 2020

Attendees: Corey Thompson, Wanda Thomas, Theresa Whistler, Robin Adams, Glory Mahan (quorum determined, minus Deb Muth, Brian Langaliers)

Acting secretary – Theresa W.

Approval of minutes of May 18 – Theresa motioned to approve 1st, Corey 2^{nd ed} the motion – all present in favor....Minutes Approved

Public Comment - No public comment among 3 Public attendees

Community Greenhouse Gas presentation – copy and review provided by Robin A
Same overview of greenhouse gases recently presented to BFCF and CCRC by Robin too
Kathryn Ecklynd had collected and analyzed (2016) a dataset for all greenhouse gases in RL using iGlass (licensed app). The set contained data that shaped the City-specific baseline and Environmental Conservation Plan (ECP) adopted by the City, but it also contained data that identifies a baseline for residential, commercial, transportation, water, etc. of the entire City community. That greater dataset may be used to educate and promote other actions for CEU reductions apart from City projects and actions within the ECP.

- Robin is planning to present to City Council next
- Plan is to Post a copy on Sustainability Web Site following explanation to Council and public
- Purpose of introducing is to raise awareness and find interest among other groups/residents to take action and compliment measures the City is taking via its ECP

Project/Implementation Updates

FLEET BUILDING AND STREETLIGHTS (FBS)

FBS-2 – Energy Improvements for existing City Buildings - Wanda/Corey – no updates

FBS-3 – Future Construction building standards - Deb/Wanda – no updates

FBS-5 – Solar on City Hall and PD - Corey/Jen Battles

- Robin meeting with Loni tomorrow to discuss contracting proposals and estimates
- More details after tomorrow
- Fundraiser idea – buy a solar panel for \$100 (like fund-a-brick) – 10-20% target
- Not sure if we should fundraise before or after the NWE grant application
- Payback period is <3 years
- Need to present to council and educate/persuade spending money now for this project (~\$9K/year in savings with only 3 year payback period)

INTERENAL POLICIES AND PRACTICES

SOLID WASTE, RECYCLING AND COMPOST (SWRC)

SWRC-5 Public Education on Recycling - Wanta/Deb

- Wanda worked up an educational sheet, investigated recycling board web site, looking for green team to produce some videos.
- Wanda's fliers could be posted on recycling Facebook or website) – not shared yet with Recycling Board but these ed fliers may help them educate and inform community better
- Wanda and Deb to work with Recycling Board next to ask about sharing fliers

WASTEWATER AND WATER (WW)

WW-5 Pipe and treatment plant upgrades – Deb (& Jim Bushnell) – not present, no update
 WW-6 Water conservation – Brian – not present, no update

CODES AND LAND USE (CLU)

CLU-4 Landscaping and water management – Brian – not present, no update

CLU-5 Vacant/Unused/Open Municipal Lots – Corey/Theresa

- Called to find out if former Community Development Director left any data or summary of vacant, unused, open lots in the City, but James Caniglia reported there was nothing – he will double-check for us
- Neil Matthews-Penannan created and published a new City Zoning layer that may be useful to us as a base
- Theresa – drafted preliminary project plan as part of phase 1 – emailed to group 6/15

CLU-6 – Tree Nursery - Theresa/Deb

- Plan drafted in past still applicable, but location at WW treatment site was declined by Public Works.
- Need to complete CLU-5 before moving ahead (need to identify location, redo plan based upon)

Rain Barrel Workshop Update

- 50 Barrels sold – goal is to get all cleaned and delivered next week to the purchasers (~35 people purchased the 50, 12 more on a waiting list)
- Cleaning is at Kings Cupboard and moving to workshop site for delivery to purchasers
- 20+ more drums coming near future (possibly on-going) to be made available to wait list – drums coming from Kings Cupboard –
- no more kits for the additional drums, not cleaned just available. People may buy their own kits for the drums

Public comment - No public comment among 3 Public attendees

Announcement - Regarding Sustainability of sustainability Board - Corey Energy Corp position cut this coming year and ending Late Aug

Talking with Mayor and others – thoughts are to see if City Planner could take up some of the responsibility if Neil's position is made full time.

Neil commented - he was attending this meeting for the purpose of acquainting himself with the activities and scope of the Board for potential/eventual assignment of sustainability

responsibilities should they be included in his job description (and that the expectation that he could replace Robin and her efforts within an addition of 10hrs/week would in no way replace her)

Other measures to supplement sustainability and ensure forward motion mentioned: increase the size of the Board from 5 to 7 (there is interest among community to join)

Vacancy notice has been published by the City to replace EOY Board expirees

Need to see what is possible among Board, City and other Partners (MOU groups, CCRC, BFCF, Parks Board, etc.) – what may be done to tie together with absence of sustainability coordinator?

ACTION for BOARD: look into document Robin provided (via email on 6/15) for next meeting and prepare to discuss, share feedback.

Adjourned at 5:05

Next Sustainability Board Meeting – July 20, '20