

Environmental Sustainability Committee 2024 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 20/24: Event	Nichole Marples compiled list of participants	Increased public awareness and participation	Recreation staff support
		Comm. Members as needed	Goal: <200 attendees	Supply City vehicle to support
Objective 2				
A. Urban Forest Management Strategy	Q2 – Review draft strategy document in April	All Comm. Mem. to participate in review	Support the endorsement of the UFMS	No additional staff resources outside of normal commitments
Objective 3				
A. Repair-it Café / Self-serve repair	Q3	Organized by LEPS – event in Aldergrove in March		Indoors – potentially at the Langley City library? Power access
Objective 4				
A. Bat Friendly Community	Q2 – Bat week Oct 24-31/24			
Objective 5				
A. Sustainability Charter (Educate & Empower, Definition of Sustainability, Tree Bylaw)	Q2 – Define guiding principles of Charter Q4 – ongoing action items		Education & Action	

Potential Items if Priority Items Complete

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Objective 6				
A. Environmental Cleanup on Nicomekl River	Event: Aug. 17/24	LEPS organizing		Parking?
B. Env.Sustainability posters				
Objective 7				
A. Environmental sustainability				
B. DLBA – connections on Sus.				
Objective 8				
A. Rain barrels LEPS program				
B. Food security – plots for equity				
Objective 9				
A. Preserving Agricultural Properties				

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.