

# Environmental Sustainability Committee 2025 Work Plan

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## 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. (See Notes below)
<b>Objective 1</b>				
A. Earth Day	Q1 – April 26, 2025: Event	Nichole Marples to spearhead ESC members as needed	Increased public awareness & participation	City Staff support
<b>Objective 2</b>				
A. Increase & Preserve Tree Canopy	Q2-Q4	Perry Browne/ Consultant ESC members as needed		
1. Tree Protection Bylaw		Perry Browne/ Consultant	Ongoing	City Staff support
2. Research Subsidized Tree Planting Strategy		ESC members	ESC members to research initiatives within the region	TBA
3. Mini-forest		ESC members	Research & ongoing	City Staff support
4. Tree Inventory		Perry Browne/ Consultant	Maintain publicly owned trees	City Staff support
<b>Objective 3</b>				
A. Bat Friendly Community	Q2/Q3	Staff Liaison & ESC members ESC members to coordinate	Education & advertising for the bat week in October 2025	City Staff/ facilities TBA
<b>Objective 4</b>				
A. Climate Action Goals/Climate Action Strategy	Q2/Q3	ESC members	Background research, review current strategic plan endorsed by Council surrounding climate initiatives	City Staff support
1. Dog Waste Strategy		City Staff	Improved dog waste diversion from landfills	City Operations staff
2. Walkability		ESC members	Improve active transportation	TBA
<b>Objective 5</b>				
A. Additional Community Gardens	Q4	ESC members to gauge community interest, assess current community garden usage	Update participation in existing gardens & possible expansions through developments	TBA

Potential Items if Priority Items Complete

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Objective 6				
A. Bee Friendly City				
Objective 7				
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.