

Society to Prevent Dutch Elm Disease General Meeting Minutes

November 28th, 2013 City of Red Deer Civic Yards, Alberta

| Agenda Item: | Responsibility |
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| 1. Call to Order & Welcome 10:16 am | Jackie |
| Attendance: Jackie Powell (Chair) , Mike Jenkins (Vice Chair, City of Edmonton), Milton Davies (Past Chair), Dr. Ieuan Evans (Treasurer/Secretary), Susan Katzell (Director, City of Red Deer) Elaine Johnson, Jim Long, Becky Vincent, Erica Clarke, Sarah Whyte, Tim Heslop, Mag Turple (City of Red Deer), Kali Alcorn (For Trees), Jeff LePage (County of Warner), Andrea Saunders (CFIA), Jonathon Kozuback,(Arborist) Chris Seifert, (Arborist), M.J “Mimi” Cole (Rocky Tree Girl Ltd), Dr. Ken Fry (Olds College), Al Dorman (Town of Provost), Catherine Reed, Nicole Graftass (Strathcona County), Nigel Seymour (contractor), Christopher Judd, Tyler Lupel (Wilco), Brad Studier (City of Fort SK) Gayah Sieusahai (ARD), Laura Gillespie (Town of Innisfail), Allie Cambell (City of Medicine Hat), Aimee Delaney (County of Red Deer), Rene Blenett (Red Deer College), Linda Feddes, (Arborist) Janet Feddes-Calpas (STOPDED Executive Director) | |
| 2. Reading of Meeting Notice | Ieuan |
| 2.1 Quorum: (Article 5) | Ieuan |
| 2.2 Regrets: Lindsay Bell, Gary Patzer, Scott Stanley, Jim Calpas | Jackie |
| 2.3 Introductions – Board Members | Jackie |
| 2.4 Introductions of members present | All |
| 2.5“Rules of Engagement” - Protocol & Meeting Operating Principles <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Meeting <i>decorum</i> is expected to be followed at all STOPDED meetings. ➤ Each member of the board and the Society would is to be treated with respect & dignity. ➤ Anything other, the member will be ruled “out of order” and lose their privilege of continuing to speak to a matter before the board or meeting. ➤ There is great need to build and come to consensus on many issues. ➤ However, all critical issues would be decided via vote should consensus be impossible to obtain. Robert’s Rules (US Senate) or Bourinot's Rules of Order (1977 – Canadian Rules of Order) will be followed for all meetings. | Jackie |
| 3. Agenda Approval Motion: Milton Davies moved the agenda be approved. Second by Elaine Johnson *** Carried*** | All |
| 4. Previous Minutes from November 15, 2012 were approved at the April12, 2013 Annual meeting and can be found at www.stopded.org | Jackie |
| 5. Business Arising from previous minutes- None | |
| 6. Correspondence: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Letter addressing funding short fall to Honourable Ministers Doug Horner, Treasury Board & Finance, Dave Hancock, Human Services, Verlyn Olson, Agriculture & Rural Development, Diana McQueen, Environment & Sustainable Resource Development, Doug Griffith, Municipal Affairs, Dr. Richard Starke, Tourism, Parks & Recreation Tourism, Nov. 12, 2013 • Letter from Olds College thanking the Society for scholarship funding, June 7, 2013 • Letter from ISA thanking the Society for Conference Donation, Oct 30, 2013 | Jackie |
| 7. Reports 7.1 Chairman Report: | Jackie |

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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Everything has been running smoothly. Board has been dealing with issues/concerns when they occur. ○ STOPDED will continue to form partnerships in order to have program prevention program components and projects be accomplished more efficiently and effectively. | |
| <p>7.2 STOPDED Executive Director's Report</p> <p>Over all was again a busy year. Organized the monitoring program for both the DED and the IAS program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ 2013 DED Monitoring Program <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● STOPDED distributed 252 traps to 50 municipalities, 5 ports of entry, and 30 provincial parks. These traps are purchased using the Government grant funding. ● The City of Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer, Medicine Hat and Lethbridge, manage a total of 1058 traps to monitor 203 sites within their city limits. Traps are purchased by each city, changed monthly and scanned by city staff. ● The City of Edmonton, Calgary, Red Deer and Lethbridge are also responsible for distribution and scanning of traps in their buffer zone municipalities. By doing this, it increases the municipalities in the province monitored by 66. Traps for buffer zones are supplied by STOPDED and changed twice per season. ○ DED diagnosis - Samples sent to Dr. Stephen J.P. Strelkov at U of A. All were negative for the presence of DED <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Town of Okotooks - one sample ● City of St Albert – one sample ● City of Red Deer – one sample ○ Elm firewood collection and disposal -Phil Merrill with ARD emptied bins at all the AB/Montana bins several times this season. Mostly pine, spruce and some elm. ○ IAS project - 15 locations were monitored during the 2013 season <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 2 locations in Lethbridge, Medicine Hat, Lloydminster ● 1 location in Cities of Red Deer, Calgary, Brooks ARD research station, Grande Prairie, Edmonton, Fort McMurray. ● ESRD looked after 3 locations, Lawrence Lske, Conklin/Leisemer, and Bonnyville (all landfill locations) ○ Public Awareness <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Tradeshows <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Industrial Vegetation Management Association of Alberta (IVMAA) - March ➢ ISA- October ➢ Alberta Recreation & Parks Association - October ➢ Green Industry – November ➢ Association of Agricultural Fieldman In Service Training - December ● One more display was purchased ● Is it Elm Brochures were purchased ● Promotional items for tradeshows were purchased ● Ads placed in all Travel Alberta Visitor Information Centres in the province and AB/Montana border crossings. As a result of budget reduction, public awareness was decreased substantially. ○ STOPDED Hot line is being used ○ No DED found in the Province for the 2013 season. | <p>Janet</p> |

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| <p>person or company has contravened or is contravening the act.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Names of the Inspectors appointed under APA, dates of appointments regarding the situation. 2. A chronological listing of all of their dealings. With any pictures/invoices/etc 3. Expertise of the Inspectors in identifying these practices. Training/education etc 4. Any documented dates of follow up that confirmed non-compliance. Efforts to make aware of the pruning ban information, and even the Agricultural Pests Act. This would be best proven if an inspector delivered the information/training to the actual owner, with a witness. 5. Any contact has been made with the Inspector or anyone else at the City Office regarding this issue. 6. List attempts made by the Inspector to go to the location and carry out education/extension efforts regarding the pruning ban. | |
| <p>7.8 Municipal Insect & Disease (Update and sharing)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o City of Edmonton – Mike Jenkins- gave report and presentation on other insects and disease found in Edmonton. 21 DED suspect samples sent in to U of A for diagnosis. All tested positive for Dothiorella. 60,000 elms in Edmonton’s inventory, does not include elms on private property. o Town of Provost – Al Dorman – all is going well. Will be doing some elm pruning this winter. o City of Lethbridge – Lindsay Bell could not make the meeting due to fog. Elaine gave report. Lethbridge had busy summer. No EBB found in city but found one in their satellite community of Coalhurst. o City of Medicine Hat – Allison Cambell, Parks Technician came to represent the City of MH. The city is in the process of hiring an Urban Forester. City of Edmonton inspects all their traps. Mike had given the report previously in the meeting that 4067 BEBB were found during the summer of 2013. o City of Red Deer- Elaine Johnson- 2013 had a number of staff involved in the set-up, removal of traps, and preliminary checking of traps. They thanked all surrounding communities for their cooperation and any help offered during the monitoring season. | All |
| <p>8. New Business:</p> <p style="padding-left: 40px;">Because this meeting is focused on tree issues throughout our province and the exchange of information on tree diseases and insects that are affecting our AB urban & landscape trees, all other business will be held over or tabled to our AGM in Olds in April 2014.</p> | |
| <p>9. Next Annual General Meeting – Olds College in April 2014</p> | |
| <p>3. Adjournment – Stated Time: 1:30 PM</p> <p>Motion: Elaine Johnson moved that the meeting be Adjourned. Second: Mike Jenkins</p> <p>***Carried***</p> | |

Respectfully submitted,

I Evans, STOPDED Secretary