



**PUBLIC MINUTES
SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**October 8, 2015, 11:30 am
Committee Room A, Second Floor, City Hall**

PRESENT: Dr. M. Hill, Chair
Ms. K. Aikens, Vice-Chair
Councillor M. Loewen
Ms. A. Bugg
Mr. B. Latimer
Mr. S. Homenick
Ms. A. Garg

ABSENT: Dr. D. McGrane
Ms. N. Kochar
Dr. S. Moshiri
Mr. B. Sawatzky

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Environmental & Corporate Initiatives B. Wallace
Ms. A. Schmidt, Special Projects, Corporate Performance
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: B. Latimer

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: K. Aikens

That the minutes of Regular Meeting of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee held on September 10, 2015 be amended as follows:

1. Under item 7.4 the motion read: "That the sub-committee meet to discuss SEAC's recommended targets for GHG emissions for the community and present to the Committee its findings at the next meeting; and

2. That the minutes be adopted as amended".

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Statement of Expenditures (File CK. 1704-5)

A current Statement of Expenditures was submitted by the Committee Assistant for review by the Committee. Discussion followed regarding allocation options of the remaining funds, which included: the cost of inviting a facilitator/speaker to help the Committee with environmental advocacy; installation of a water bottle filling station at a public-use area; or contracting a student to assist with the GHG emission inventory.

Mr. Homenick entered the meeting at 11:45 a.m. during consideration of this matter.

The Committee determined to ask Director of Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Wallace to help obtain a quote on the installation of a water bottle filling station at possibly one of the recreational civic facilities or a public-use area along with exploring the possibility of allocating funds to a project undertaken by the School of Environment and Sustainability. Ms. Aikens was asked to investigate the cost of a facilitator as mentioned above.

Moved By: A. Bugg

That the information be received.

CARRIED

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR (File CK. 175-9)

The Chair commented on the current news item regarding the city of Montreal dumping untreated sewage into the St. Lawrence River and that it would be valuable for the Committee to be updated on the storm water quality going into the Saskatchewan River. Ms. Wallace advised the Committee that the Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Division is set to update the Committee on this matter in November.

Moved By: B. Latimer

That the information be received.

CARRIED

6. COMMUNICATIONS

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Natural Areas and Wetlands Policy (File CK. 4110-38 x 1700-1)

Senior Planner Schulz reviewed the submitted report with the Committee. Discussion followed and Mr. Schulz responded to questions of the Committee.

In 2013 a new City Council policy for Wetlands was adopted some elements of the policy are still under development. One of the next steps is compiling the accumulated data into a complete Wetland inventory. Natural areas and Wetlands within an urban environment need to be looked at as a system. The creation of Wetland Development Guidelines is outstanding; however, the City continues its efforts to work toward these guidelines.

Mr. Rick Huziak, representing the Northeast Swale Watchers was in attendance and provided comments on the prioritization that should exist when dealing with Wetlands and Natural Areas. Plans created to deal with these types of areas need to have certain goals and these goals need to be followed to the end by everyone; it is imperative that guidelines are in place prior to the development of such areas and not afterwards.

Moved By: K. Aikens

That the Administration be invited to a meeting of the Committee to provide an update on the predevelopment protocols for environmental protection.

CARRIED

7.2 Environmental Leadership Performance Measures Update (File CK. 7550-1)

Angela Schmidt, Special Projects, Corporate Performance was in attendance and guided the Committee through the Performance dashboard on the City's website. This dashboard lists the Corporate Strategic Goals and under each goal the strategies for success, achievements, and challenges are listed for that specific goal. Discussion followed and Ms. Schmidt addressed questions of the Committee.

The Committee resolved at its last meeting to compile information putting forth its recommended targets for GHG emissions for the community. This report was presented to the Committee and discussion ensued.

Moved By: S. Homenick

1. That SEAC submit an Executive Summary based on the report presented to the Committee presenting various GHG emission reduction scenarios along with the report itself to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities, & Corporate Services;
2. That SEAC recommend scenario 1, as it is what is required from a climate perspective; scenarios 2 - 4 offer progressively less aggressive initial reductions; and
3. That the information be received.

CARRIED

7.3 Environmental and Corporate Initiatives Update (File CK. 7550-1)

Director of Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Wallace was in attendance and advised the Committee that four reports are being considered by the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services at its October 13, 2015 meeting including an updated Environmental Policy, updates and launch of an online version of 'Our Environment', the 2014 Integrated Waste Management Annual Report and a report providing recommendations for the 2016 Green Cart Program.

Ms. Wallace also shared that there are three reports forthcoming in November that may be of interest to the Committee including one on landfill bans, the release of a video from the Student Action for a Sustainable Future project, and a formal response to SEAC's letter regarding a community GHG inventory.

Twyla Yobb, Watershed Protection Manager was in attendance to seek input from the Committee regarding a stormwater management plan; due to time constraints this was not pursued. A series of questions will be included on the Committee's November agenda.

Moved By: S. Homenick

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8. 2015 SASKATCHEWAN LIVING GREEN EXPO (File CK. 205-1)

Allyson Brady, Executive Director, Saskatchewan Environmental Society was in attendance; however, due to time constraints there was no opportunity for the video nor Ms. Brady's presentation. Ms. Brady was requested to submit to the Committee the video link for the members' own viewing.

Moved By: M. Hill

That the information be received.

CARRIED

9. COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULE (File CK. 175-9)

Moved By: M. Hill

That the following meeting dates for the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for 2016 be approved:

- January 14
- February 11
- March 10
- April 14
- May 12
- June 9
- September 8
- October 13
- November 10

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

Dr. Michael Hill, Chair

D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant