

PUBLIC MINUTES SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Thursday, April 9, 2015, at 11:38 a.m. Committee Room "A", City Hall

PRESENT: Dr. Michael Hill, Chair

Councillor M. Loewen

Ms. A. Bugg Mr. B. Sawatzky Mr. B. Latimer Dr. S. Moshiri Ms. A. Garg Dr. D. McGrane Mr. S. Homenick

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Environmental and Corporate Initiatives B. Wallace

Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

ABSENT: Ms. N. Kochar

Ms. K. Aikens

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Ms. Bugg

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

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3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Ms. Bugg

That the minutes of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee held on March 12, 2015 be amended as follows:

- 1. That under item 6, Northeast Swale Master Plan Meewasin Valley Authority the first sentence in the second paragraph read "...that the majority of the Swale *within* the Master Plan area..." and not as stated; and
- 2. That the minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR (File No. CK. 175-9)

The Chair extended his thanks to the Committee members who participated in hosting the Corporate Targets – Stakeholder Consultation held on March 30, 2015 and to the Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Division for organizing the event. The Committee was also informed it will be updated in May on the Dark Sky Lighting Policy.

Moved By: Mr. Sawatzky

That the information be received

CARRIED

5. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

5.1 Environmental and Corporate Initiatives Update (File No. CK. 7550-1)

Environmental and Corporate Initiatives Director Wallace was in attendance. The Committee was informed that a draft document summarizing the feedback received from stakeholders participating in the Performance Target luncheon hosted by Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee on March 30th has been circulated to them via email by the Committee Assistant. Environmental and Corporate Initiatives Division will be presenting a number of reports to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services at its April 14, 2015 meeting.

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Discussion followed.

Moved By: Dr. McGrane

- 1. That Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee draft and present to the Executive Committee a letter summarizing community greenhouse gas targets along with per capita waste reduction targets and other proposed targets from the Stakeholder Consultation held March 30, 2015 that Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee supports and that the letter be reviewed by the Committee members via email communications before presentation; and
- 2. That the information be received.

CARRIED

6. Greenhouse Gas Emissions Discussion (File No. CK.375-4)

A brief discussion on greenhouse gas emissions and other corporate targets were discussed. It was determined by the Committee to defer the discussion of the list of proposed items to be addressed by the Committee in relation to reducing greenhouse gas emissions to their May meeting.

Moved By: Dr. Moshiri

CARRIED

7. CASH GRANTS PROGRAM – ENVIRONMENTAL COMPONENT (File No. CK. 1871-1)

Dr. Moshiri updated the Committee on the above mentioned matter. The Cash Grants Program Committee met in February 2015. The program in 2015 received thirteen applications. The Cash Grants Program has an annual budget of \$10,000 for environmental initiatives. Seven applicants have been chosen to be awarded funding. The recommended allocation of funds for these applicants was \$1,400 each with the exception of one applicant receiving \$1,600.

Moved By: Dr. McGrane

CARRIED

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8. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES (File No. CK.1704-5)

The Committee Assistant submitted the current statement of expenditures for the Committee's review. The Committee was reminded that at their June 12, 2014 meeting, funds in the amount of \$1,800 were allocated to support the Student Action for a Sustainable Future (SASF) for the 2014/2015 school year.

Also discussed was the allocation of funds to hire a summer student to do festival waste audits. Director of Environmental and Corporate Initiatives Wallace advised that they could look at cost sharing with the Committee and would confirm this commitment at the May meeting.

Moved By: Dr. McGrane

That Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee approve funding up to a maximum of \$4,500 for hiring a summer student contingent upon cost sharing the expense 50/50 with the Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Division.

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Ms. Bugg

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 12:47 p.m.

Dr. Michael Hill, Chair	