

ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT

TO: Secretary, Planning and Operations Committee
FROM: Chair, Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee
DATE: November 20, 1999
SUBJECT: Green Power Program
FILE NO.: CK. 175-9

RECOMMENDATION: that a report be submitted to City Council recommending that the City Solicitor be directed to petition the Provincial Government for an amendment to the *SaskPower Act* to allow access to the SaskPower lines by green power programs.

BACKGROUND:

City Council considered Clause 8, Report No. 11-1999 of the Planning and Operations Committee on the above matter, at its meeting held on June 21, 1999 and adopted the following recommendations:

that the matter be referred to the Administration to consider and report on the feasibility and cost of this form of "green power".

Attached is a copy of the report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated August 24, 1999 providing information in response to the above resolution. The Planning and Operations Committee received this report as information, and referred a copy to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee.

REPORT:

Your Committee encourages the City to pursue this matter further, and petition the Provincial Government for a change to the *SaskPower Act* in order to allow the City to purchase "green" power from independent wind power and other producers, and to distribute this type of power through a special market offering.

Your Committee also encourages the City to make a decision to support green power generation and distribution, and take steps as necessary to stand by this conviction. This would include approaching the Federal Government to encourage federal facilities in Saskatchewan to join with the City in purchasing green power as they have done in Alberta, publicizing the benefits of green power to City residents, and undertaking a market survey of potential buyers of green power in the City. The development of wind power facilities in the Province would create new job opportunities in rural areas as well as help the Province to meet its commitments to reduce greenhouse gas emissions under the Kyoto protocol.

Your Committee has also taken a forward step in support of green power, and has sent a letter to SaskPower congratulating the new president for his supportive statements on wind and solar power, and encouraging them to develop more environmentally-friendly power sources.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. SEAC letter dated January 11, 2000 to Mr. John Wright, President, SaskPower;
2. Straight Talk Article from January 6, 2000 issue of The Star-Phoenix entitled *SaskPower on Wright track* by Randy Burton.
2. Report of the General Manager, Utility Services Department dated August 24, 1999; and
3. Clause 8, Report No. 11-1999 of the Planning and Operations Committee

Written by: **Mr. Roger Peters**

Approved by: _____
Robert Donahue, Chair
Saskatoon Environment Advisory Committee
Dated: January 14, 2000

Note: The Planning and Operations Committee considered this matter at its meeting held on November 14, 2000 and requested a report on discussions between the City and SaskPower regarding deregulation.