

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**

**TO:** Secretary, Planning and Operations Committee  
**FROM:** Chair, Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee  
**DATE:** April 12, 2002  
**SUBJECT:** Disposal of Household Hazardous Wastes  
**FILE NO.:** CK. 155-2

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**RECOMMENDATION:** that a report be submitted to City Council recommending the establishment of a disposal method for household hazardous waste, as follows:

- 1) that City Council petition the Province to create a household hazardous waste disposal program, which would use the product stewardship approach; and
- 2) that, in the interim, a Saskatoon household hazardous waste collection/disposal program be implemented.

### **REPORT:**

It has recently come to the attention of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee that there is no legal way to dispose of some types of household hazardous waste in Saskatoon. Paints and solvents can be disposed of at Paint Exchanges that occur once or twice a year. For pesticides and many other hazardous substances there is no legal way to dispose of the materials.

The Committee believes there are two ways that this gap in services could be corrected:

- 1) The City could establish a household hazardous waste program. The City could contract with a private waste management company to dispose of household hazardous waste brought to one or more collection sites in the City; or
- 2) The Province could create a household hazardous waste program, using the product stewardship approach. The product stewardship approach is currently used for tires, oil and beverage containers. A fee is charged at the time of production, importation or first sale of a product, and this money is used to fund programs to handle the waste associated with the product. This could involve submission of a resolution to the Saskatchewan Urban Municipalities Association.

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**Approved by:**

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**Mr. Leo Monseler, Chair**  
**Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee**  
**Dated: April 18, 2002**