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To: City Clerk, Executive Committee

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From: Debby Sackmann, Committee Assistant
Saskatoon Environmental Advisory
Committee

Your File:

Re: Request for Funding - Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory

The City of Saskatoon is exploring setting new greenhouse gas emissions reduction targets for both its corporate operations and for the entire community. Such reduction targets are laudable. However, it is impossible to find solutions to problems that you cannot properly define and understand. For future greenhouse gas reduction efforts to be successful, it is essential that City Council, City administration, businesses, and citizens have reliable and up-to-date information on the sources of greenhouse gas emissions in Saskatoon. The last greenhouse gas emission inventory for Saskatoon was completed in 2005 using 2003 data. As such, our knowledge about the sources of greenhouse gas emissions in our city is twelve years old. Up-to-date information on the sources of greenhouse gas emissions in Saskatoon will allow our community to understand what changes have taken place in our greenhouse gas emissions over the past decade and to identify successes and failures. As such, the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC) at its meeting held June 11, 2015 determined that it was prudent for the Committee to write a letter to be presented to City Council through the Executive Committee. It was resolved that the Committee urges City Council to find the appropriate funding for a Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory in the 2016 Business Plan and Budget

It is only once a greenhouse gas emission inventory has been completed that Saskatoon can begin to make concrete plans to meet new greenhouse gas emission reductions targets. Without a proper inventory of greenhouse gas emissions in Saskatoon, it is impossible to begin work on finding solutions to the most pressing environmental problem facing Saskatoon and the world. Without this inventory completed this year, we will be unable to move forward on this important environmental challenge and more time will be lost. The problem will worsen and will be even harder to solve if we do not act now.

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cc: His Worship the Mayor, Chair, Executive Committee
City Manager
Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee, Chair

Memorandum