



**PUBLIC MINUTES
SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, January 8, 2015, at 11:36 a.m.
Committee Room "A", City Hall**

PRESENT: Dr. M. Hill, Chair
Ms. K. Aikens, Vice-Chair
Councillor M. Loewen
Ms. A. Bugg
Ms. N. Kochar
Mr. B. Sawatzky
Dr. D. McGrane
Mr. S. Moshiri
Ms. A. Garg

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Environmental & Corporate Initiatives B. Wallace
Education & Environmental Performance Manager A. Jones
Project Engineer, Environmental & Corporate Initiatives C. Richards
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

ABSENT: Mr. S. Homenick
Mr. B. Latimer

1. CALL TO ORDER

1.1 Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Dr. Hill.

1.2 Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Committee was requested to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2015.

Michael Hill was nominated for Chair. No other nominations were received. Kathleen Aikens was nominated for Vice-Chair. No other nominations were received.

Moved By: Ms. Kochar

1. That Dr. Michael Hill be appointed Chair for 2015; and
2. That Ms. Kathleen Aikens be appointed Vice-Chair for 2015.

CARRIED

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Dr. McGrane

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Ms. Bugg

That the minutes of meeting held on October 9, 2014 and November 13, 2014, be adopted.

CARRIED

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

No report of the Chair was presented. The Committee welcomed Aditi Garg, Saeed Moshiri, and Brian Sawatzky to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee. Introductions were held.

Moved By: Ms. Aikens

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; Education and Environmental Performance Manager Jones; along with Project Engineer, Environmental and Corporate Initiatives Richards were in attendance and provided updates and answered subsequent questions from the Committee members.

Ms. Kristin Bruce, Student Intern, Corporate Performance was introduced. Ms. Bruce's work will primarily focus on environmental policy and she will be attending Committee meetings as appropriate.

Director of Environmental and Corporate Initiatives Wallace advised that Mr. Chris Schulz, Senior Planner, Community Services will attend a meeting of the Committee in spring 2015 to provide an update on the Wetland Policy.

Ms. Wallace circulated to the Committee two draft handouts on 2015 Composting Programs: Composting Education and Incentives; and Survey of Composting Services in Canada and informed the Committee that a follow-up would be provided in March.

Councillor Loewen asked about plans to revive the Solar City concept model and asked that if possible the Committee receive regular updates on this matter.

Discussion followed.

Moved By: Dr. McGrane

That the information be received.

CARRIED

6. 2015 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (File No. CK. 175-9)

An informal planning meeting was held Wednesday, January 7, 2015 with Michael Hill, David McGrane, Brian Sawatzky, Angie Bugg, Kathleen Aikens and Councillor Loewen in attendance.

A summary of the planning meeting was circulated to Committee Members at the onset of the meeting. Five main priorities were identified:

1. Greenhouse Gas Reductions
2. Organic Waste Diversion
3. Policies and reports such as Dark Sky Policy and Wetlands Policy
4. Development of a greater linkage with City Council's Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services
5. Festival Sustainability

Discussion ensued regarding prioritization.

Moved By: Councillor Loewen

1. That the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee draft a letter to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services presenting them with the Committee's 2015 goals in order to promote a closer reporting relationship with the Standing Policy Committee; and
2. That the direction of the Committee issue.

CARRIED

Ms. Aikens volunteered to draft the above mentioned letter and present it to the Committee for review at their next meeting.

7. APPOINTMENT OF SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY GROUPS – CASH GRANTS PROGRAM – ENVIRONMENTAL COMPONENT (File No. CK. 1871-1)

Report of the Secretary:

Environmental and Corporate Initiatives Division annually requests the Committee select a representative to serve on the evaluations for the Environmental Component of the Community Cash Grants Program.

Mr. Jeffrey Smith was appointed as the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee representative for 2014.

Moved By: Ms. Aikens

That Mr. Saeed Moshiri serves as the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee representative for 2015 Assistance to Community Groups – Cash Grants Program and Mr. Brian Sawatzky volunteered to serve as alternate if required.

CARRIED

8. 2014 ANNUAL REPORT – SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (File No. CK. 175-9)

The matter is on the agenda to determine the writers for the 2014 Annual Report.

Moved By: Ms. Bugg

That Dr. Hill, Chair and Ms. Aikens, Vice-Chair be the writers of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee's 2014 Annual Report.

CARRIED

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

The Committee Assistant submitted the year-end Statement of Expenditures for the Committee's review.

Moved By: Dr. Hill

That the information be received.

CARRIED

10. PUBLICATIONS (File No. CK. 175-9)

The Committee Assistant distributed a copy of the semi-annual publication from Planning and Development entitled "*Planning and Design Newsletter, Fall/Winter 2014 edition*".

Moved By: Ms. Bugg

That the information be received.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Dr. Hill

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Dr. M. Hill, Chair