



**PUBLIC MINUTES
SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, February 12, 2015, at 11:35 a.m.
Committee Room "A", City Hall**

PRESENT: Ms. K. Aikens, A/Chair
Councillor M. Loewen
Ms. A. Bugg
Ms. A. Garg
Mr. S. Homenick
Dr. D. McGrane
Dr. S. Moshiri
Mr. B. Sawatzky

ALSO PRESENT: Environmental Coordinator S. Dyck
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

ABSENT: Dr. M. Hill
Ms. N. Kochar
Mr. B. Latimer

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Mr. Sawatzky

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Dr. Moshiri

That the minutes of meeting of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee held on January 9, 2015 be adopted.

CARRIED

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

No report of the Chair was presented due to the Chair being absent.

Moved By: Mr. Homenick

That the information be received.

CARRIED

5. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

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

Environmental Coordinator Dyck was in attendance and provided an update. Also in attendance were Mr. J. Quintal, Ms. M. Jelinski and Mr. C. Richards who all answered subsequent questions from the Committee members. The following is a summary of Ms. Dyck's update:

- Draft handouts on the 2015 Composting programs: Composting Education and Incentives along with Subscription Food Waste Collection Program Options were circulated to the Committee for comment.
- A Waste Diversion Request for Proposal has gone out and the closing date for the proposal is February 17, 2015.
- Water Conservation – the outdoor water campaign for residential areas continues. A new 2015 program "*Healthy Yards Program*" has been created. There are future plans to create a *Healthy Yards* webpage on the City's website for public access to information.

- The Wetlands Request for Proposal will be awarded by March 12, 2015 and an assessment will be done by August 2015. This will involve a more comprehensive look at wetlands in order to help meet the needs of the Wetlands policy.
- Energy Performance Contracting is currently being considered by the City. A Request For Proposal will be released this summer, no contract has been awarded.

Dr. McGrane entered the meeting at 11:42 a.m.

Discussion followed.

Moved By: Ms. Bugg

1. That the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee re-submit their previous letter presented to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services;
2. That Mr. Brian Sawatzky attend a meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Environment Utilities and Corporate Services to present this letter, and discuss the Committee's desire to have the composting initiative go forward; state that the Committee supports the work being done by the Environmental and Corporate Initiatives Division; and urge that the composting initiatives move beyond education towards a more ambitious waste diversion program, including organic waste from commercial sources; and
3. That the information be received.

CARRIED

Councillor Loewen excused herself from the meeting at 12:32 p.m.

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

Report of the Secretary:

"Attached is a draft letter of the above. With the approval of the Committee the letter will be forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services then to City Council."

Moved By: Ms. Garg

That the draft letter from the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee on their 2015 Goals and Objectives be submitted and presented to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services as information.

CARRIED

The Committee discussed meeting in the Fall of 2015 to discuss possibly updating Committee goals and objectives to include ways of increasing cultural diversity of its membership.

7. 2014 ANNUAL REPORT – SASKATOON ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE (File No. CK. 430-19)

Report of the Secretary:

“Attached is a draft report of the above. With the approval of the Committee the report will be forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services then to City Council.”

The Committee determined to make a few editing changes and correct typos before final submission.

Moved By: Dr. McGrane

That the annual report, with the above-noted amendments, be forwarded to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services to place before City Council.

CARRIED

8. Letter from Darrin Qualman, Saskatchewan Citizens’ Hearings on Climate Change, Dated January 15, 2015 (File No. CK. 375-5)

The Committee Assistant submitted a letter from Darrin Qualman, Saskatchewan Citizens’ Hearings on Climate Change, dated January 15, 2015 requesting to meet with the Committee to discuss climate change.

Moved By: Ms. Aikens

That the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee invite the Saskatchewan Citizens' Hearings on Climate Change to their next scheduled meeting on March 12, 2015.

CARRIED

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

The Committee Assistant submitted the current Statement of Expenditures for the Committee's review.

Moved By: Dr. Moshiri

That the information be received.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Ms. Aikens

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Ms. K. Aikens, A/Chair