



PUBLIC MINUTES
SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

March 10, 2016, 11:30 am
Committee Room A, Second Floor, City Hall

PRESENT: Mr. B. Sawatzky, A/Chair
Councillor M. Loewen
Mr. S. Homenick
Ms. A. Bugg
Ms. A. Garg
Dr. S. Moshiri
Ms. K. Palmer
Ms. S. Harrison
Ms. K. Engele-Carter

ABSENT: Ms. K. Aikens, Chair
Dr. D. McGrane

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Environmental & Corporate Initiatives B. Wallace
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

1. CALL TO ORDER

The A/Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: K. Engele-Carter

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: A. Bugg

That the minutes of Regular Meeting of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee held on February 11, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The A/Chair advised that on March 8, 2016, the Committee's 2016 Goals and Objectives were presented to the SPC on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services; the information was well received. During the meeting a question was raised regarding what SEAC's position is on allowing organic matter into the landfill. The Committee was advised that SEAC has not officially discussed this matter.

March 9, 2016 the Star Phoenix ran an article quoting the Mayor's support for the Solar City program.

The Growth Plan Summit will be held on March 14, 2016 from 2:00-11:00 p.m., Council Chambers, City Hall and public comment will start at 7:00 p.m. The Committee has also been invited to attend an interactive workshop on the essentials of transit planning on March 12, 2016 from 1:30-5:00 p.m., at the Civic Square East.

The federal government has released its Sustainable Development Strategy for feedback, this can be accessed at <http://www.fsds-sfdd.ca/#/en>

Moved By: S. Homenick

That the information be received.

CARRIED

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 Letter - Dark Sky Policy (File CK. 6300-1)

The Committee Assistant submitted a letter from Richard Huziak, Saskatchewan Light Pollution Abatement Committee, dated February 3, 2016 regarding Dark Sky Policy.

Director of Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Wallace advised that Review Section Manager Dawson continues to work on Dark Sky Lighting guidelines for the community; exploring opportunities to incentivize good lighting.

Moved By: A. Bugg

1. That SEAC invite Review Section Manager Dawson to its April meeting to provide an update on Dark Sky Lighting; and
2. That the information be received.

CARRIED

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Environmental and Corporate Initiatives (File CK. 7550-1)

Director of Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Wallace was in attendance and presented a power point on the Division's 2016 Program of Work. The Division's mandate is to act as a facilitator for environmental leadership for the Corporation. The Division has two main areas of focus: Environmental Programs and Corporate Initiatives. Environmental & Corporate Initiatives consists of four sections: Education & Environmental Performance; Energy & Environmental Sustainability Engineering; Environmental Protection; and Corporate Initiatives each section's work aligns with the City's five business lines and the nine service lines. Each section's focus for 2016 was highlighted. Discussion followed.

The Committee determined to extend an invitation to both the Director of Planning & Development or designate to attend a future Committee meeting to update on proposed parking requirements and related issues regarding the City's parking strategy and to the Director of Saskatoon Transit to provide an update on BRT (Bus Rapid Transit).

Moved By: K. Palmer

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8. 2015 ANNUAL REPORT - Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee (File 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 & Corporate Services then to City Council".

Committee members reviewed the draft report and minor revisions were noted.

Moved By: S. Harrison

That the annual report be approved as amended, and submitted to City Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services.

CARRIED

9. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

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

The Committee discussed past initiatives/programs it has supported and the options for doing this again in 2016. Also discussed was potential avenues that would allow SEAC to create community awareness regarding environmental issues and its mandate. SEAC would like to build within the community an increased awareness of the role of the environment and do this using some form of media outlet. Director of Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Wallace was asked to look into what type of communication tools can be used for a marketing campaign to help SEAC advance public environmental awareness.

Councillor Loewen excused herself from the meeting during discussion of this matter at 12:40 p.m.

Discussion ensued and various suggestions were put forth; further discussion on the matter is required.

Moved By: B. Sawatzky

1. That SEAC engage the broader community in GHG reduction conversations that relate to its 2016 goals and priorities;
2. That SEAC continue its discussion on exploring options for best use of fund allocations; and
3. That the information be received.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:05 p.m.

Ms. K. Aikens, Chair

Ms. D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant