



PUBLIC MINUTES
SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 14, 2016, 11:30 am
Committee Room A, Second Floor, City Hall

PRESENT: Ms. K. Aikens, Chair
Mr. B. Sawatzky, Vice-Chair
Dr. D. McGrane
Ms. A. Bugg
Ms. A. Garg
Dr. S. Moshiri
Ms. K. Palmer
Ms. S. Harrison
Ms. K. Engele-Carter

ABSENT: Councillor M. Loewen
Mr. S. Homenick

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

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order.

1.1 Confirmation of Chair and Vice-Chair

The Committee Assistant reported that the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee, resolved at its January 8, 2015 meeting:

That the appointment of Michael Hill as Chair and the appointment of Kathleen Aikens as Vice-Chair of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee until December 2015 be confirmed.

City Council, at its meeting held on November 23, 2015, adopted a recommendation of its Executive Committee that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for 2016:

- Councillor Loewen
- Ms. Kathleen Aikens
- Dr. D. McGrane
- Mr. Sean Homenick
- Ms. Angie Bugg
- Dr. Saeed Moshiri
- Ms. Aditi Garg
- Mr. Brian Sawatzky
- Ms. Kathryn Palmer
- Ms. Sara Harrison
- Ms. Kari Engele-Carter

The Committee was requested to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2016.

Moved By: A. Bugg

That Ms. Kathleen Aikens be appointed Chair of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for 2016.

CARRIED

Moved By: D. McGrane

That Mr. Brian Sawatzky be appointed Vice-Chair of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for 2016.

CARRIED

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: D. McGrane

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 November 12, 2015 be approved.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR

The Committee welcomed Kathryn Palmer, Sara Harrison, and Kari Engele-Carter to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee and introductions around the room were held.

The Chair reported back to the Committee on its sub-committee on greenhouse gas emission targets for the community's presentation to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services on January 11, 2016 that the information presented was well received. SEAC wishes to continue fostering its relationship with the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services and has determined to consider regularizing presentations to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services.

The Chair volunteered to send an email invitation to all members advising a time and date to hold SEAC's annual informal planning session to discuss the Committee's 2016 Goals and Objectives.

Moved By: A. Bugg

That the information be received.

CARRIED

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 Greenhouse Gas Reduction Recommendations (File CK.375-4)

Dr. Moshiri entered the meeting at 11:49 a.m.

The Committee Assistant submitted a letter from the Saskatchewan Environment Society (SES), which was considered at the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services meeting held November 9, 2015; it was resolved that the letter be forwarded to SEAC for its information; also submitted was a report of the General Manager, Corporate Performance, dated January 11, 2016 in response to SES's letter.

The Committee determined its sub-committee on greenhouse gas emission targets for the community draft a response to SES's

recommendations for greenhouse gas emission reduction and the response be presented to the Committee at a later date for discussion.

The Committee noted it would be interested in receiving an update on the greenhouse gas inventory.

Moved By: A. Bugg

That the information be received.

CARRIED

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

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

Director of Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Wallace along with Katie Burns, Environmental & Corporate Initiatives were in attendance. Ms. Burns presented a PowerPoint on Water Conservation. The presentation was in response to the five recommendations presented in a report prepared in 2011 by a summer student hired by SEAC to research and produce a report on water conservation bylaws and programs from other municipalities across Canada. As background, a copy of the report was circulated at the meeting for the Committee's viewing. Discussion followed revolving around the current status of water conservation and best practices.

Director of Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Wallace advised that a final response will be brought to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services in March. The Committee was encouraged to put forth any further comment on the matter prior to March.

The Committee requested that Ms. Burn's presentation be forwarded to them, the Committee Assistant undertook the request.

Dr. McGrane excused himself from the meeting at 12:35 p.m.

Moved By: S. Moshiri

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8. APPOINTMENT OF SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY GROUPS - CASH GRANTS PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMPONENT (File CK. 1871-1)

The Committee Assistant reported that the Environmental & 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.

Dr. Saeed Moshiri was appointed as the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee representative for 2015.

Ms. Garg excused herself from the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Moved By: B. Sawatzky

That Ms. Angie Bugg serve as the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee representative for 2016 Assistance to Community Groups - Cash Grants Program.

CARRIED

9. 2015 ANNUAL REPORT - Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee (File CK. 175-9)

The matter was on the agenda to determine the writers for the 2015 Annual Report.

Moved By: S. Harrison

That Ms. Kathleen Aikens and Mr. Brian Sawatzky be the writers of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee's 2015 Annual Report.

CARRIED

10. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES (File CK. 1704-5)

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

Moved By: A. Bugg

That the information be received.

CARRIED

11. PUBLICATIONS (File CK. 175-9)

The Committee Assistant distributed a copy of the semi-annual publication from Planning & Development entitled "*Planning and Design Newsletter, Fall/Winter 2015 edition*".

Moved By: A. Bugg

That the information be received.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:58 p.m.

Ms. Kathleen Aikens, Chair

Ms. D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant