



PUBLIC MINUTES

SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

February 9, 2017, 11:30 a.m.

Committee Room A, Second Floor, City Hall

PRESENT: Ms. K. Aikens, Chair
Mr. B. Sawatzky, Vice-Chair
Ms. E. Akins
Ms. A. Bugg
Ms. K. Engele-Carter
Ms. A. Garg
Councillor S. Gersher
Mr. S. Homenick
Ms. K. Palmer

ABSENT: Ms. S. Harrison
Dr. D. McGrane

ALSO PRESENT: Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: S. Homenick

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: B. Sawatzky

That the minutes of Regular Meeting of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee held on January 12, 2017, be approved.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Aquatic Invasive Species: Response to PARCS [CK. 277-1, x 7550-1]

The Committee Assistant submitted a report of the General Manager, Corporate Performance, dated November 14, 2016, which was considered at the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services Meeting held on November 14, 2016; it was resolved, in part, that the report be referred to SEAC to review and report back with input to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services.

Environmental Protection Manager Yobb was in attendance to provide direction and address questions of the Committee regarding the report before them. Ms. Yobb provided a brief background regarding the concern over aquatic invasive mussels and the request from PARCS for a comprehensive systematic border inspection program for the species that are commonly carried on boats. Currently, there is no legislation that allows for provincial enforcement. Discussion ensued. Ms. Yobb volunteered to provide the Committee with a cost for education prevention and to further update the Committee on provincial support for City initiatives regarding the matter.

Moved By: A. Bugg

1. That the Administration provide further information and updates on the matter to the Committee at a later date; and
2. That the information be received.

CARRIED

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR [CK. 175-9]

Ms. Erin Akins was welcomed to the Committee and a thank-you was extended to Dr. Saeed Moshiri for his contributions to the Committee and the GHG Subcommittee during his membership.

An update was provided regarding SEAC's representation at Let's Talk 2020. The event revolved around how Saskatoon will be shaped into the future by emerging trends. The Alliance for Innovation provided a presentation along with Saskatoon experts offering local perspectives on trends that will affect Saskatoon in the future. A thank-you was extended to the Committee for its discussion regarding topic suggestions for the presentation. The feedback regarding SEAC's presentation was positive and having one idea (building codes and efficiencies) was effective.

The Committee agreed to include in its 2016 Annual Report, an attachment with respect to media articles dealing with its work during the year.

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

That the information be received.

CARRIED

6. COMMUNICATIONS

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Environmental & Corporate Initiatives [CK. 7550-1]

Education & Environmental Performance Manager Weckworth was in attendance and inquired to the Committee's interest in receiving the Environmental & Corporate Initiatives' 2017 work plan for its information. The work plan contains a number of initiatives that may be of interest to the Committee and an update regarding these can be provided.

Ms. Garg entered the meeting at 12:07 p.m.

Moved By: Councillor Gersher

1. That Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Division be invited to present its 2017 Work Plan at the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee's March meeting; and
2. That the information be received.

CARRIED

8. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS SUBCOMMITTEE - UPDATE [CK. 375-4]

The Subcommittee provided an update regarding the launch plan and release date for the social media campaign pertaining to climate change. The audio for the video has been recorded, the story board and narration are complete and the animation is currently being worked on; focus of the video is to relay the message that climate change is both a global and municipal issue. The plan is to present the video at the Committee's March meeting. Prior to the video's launch it will be vetted by the Administration. Discussion followed revolving around determining a launch date and extending invitations to a few organizations to come speak at the video launch.

Ms. Palmer entered the meeting at 12:25 p.m.

The Committee determined that after mid-February it will meet to continue its discussions on assisting in developing a Community Greenhouse Gas Reduction Target.

Moved By: A. Bugg

That the Subcommittee, present its climate change video to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services at its meeting to be held on March 13, 2017, pending the video's approval by the Administration and the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

Moved By: A. Garg

1. That the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee hold a media event to launch its video and invite representatives from the Saskatoon Environmental Society, Public Health, along with Committee members to speak; and put forth invitations to community stakeholders to attend; and
2. That the Subcommittee provide the story board and script to the invited speakers prior to their attendance at the media launch.

CARRIED

9. 2017 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES [CK. 175-9]

The Committee, at its meeting held on January 12, 2017, determined to set its 2017 Goals and Objectives, the following have been put forth in this regard:

1. Support the City in the development of appropriate emissions' targets for community-wide greenhouse gas emissions reductions, including through engagement with expert stakeholders.
2. Advocate for the development of municipal practices and policies that support emissions reductions in the following domains:
 - (a) building codes
 - (b) energy efficiency including renewable energy programs, such as Solar City project
 - (c) waste diversion, including city-wide organics diversion
 - (d) transportation
 - (e) other areas arising from target setting
3. In recognition of the role of public education and communication in achieving these goals, SEAC will continue to work towards the spring 2017 release of a short animated video on climate change in Saskatoon. Additionally, SEAC will

continue to support the work of the partnership program Student Action for a Sustainable Future.

4. Given their public value as carbon sinks and how they support climate resiliency, SEAC supports biodiversity and green spaces such as Meewasin.

The Committee determined that Kathleen Aikens and Angie Bugg present the above-mentioned to the Standing Policy Committee.

Moved By: K. Palmer

1. That the information be received; and
2. That the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee's 2017 Goals and Objectives be approved and submitted to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services at its meeting to be held on March 13, 2017.

CARRIED

10. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES [CK. 1704-5]

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

Moved By: K. Engele-Carter

That the information be received.

CARRIED

11. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 1:07 p.m.

Ms. K. Aikens, Chair

Ms. D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant