



PUBLIC MINUTES

SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 12, 2017, 11:30 a.m.

Committee Room A, Second Floor, City Hall

- PRESENT: Ms. K. Aikens, Chair
Mr. B. Sawatzky, Vice-Chair
Ms. A. Bugg
Ms. A. Garg
Councillor S. Gersher
Ms. S. Harrison
Dr. D. McGrane
Ms. K. Palmer
- ABSENT: Ms. K. Engele-Carter
Mr. S. Homenick
- ALSO PRESENT: Director of Environmental & Corporate Initiatives B. Wallace
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Assistant Sackmann called the meeting to order.

1.1 Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair [CK. 175-9]

The Committee was requested to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2017. Ms. Kathleen Aikens was Chair and Mr. Brian Sawatzky was Vice-Chair for 2016.

The Committee welcomed Councillor Sarina Gersher and introductions around the room were held.

Ms. Kathleen Aikens was nominated for Chair and Mr. Brian Sawatzky was nominated for Vice-Chair. No other nominations were received.

Dr. McGrane entered the meeting at 11:36 a.m.

Deputy City Clerk Bryant was in attendance and provided an overview of the Committee's Terms of Reference and Committee process.

Moved By: A. Bugg

1. That Kathleen Aikens be appointed Chair and Brian Sawatzky be appointed Vice-Chair for 2017; and
2. That the information be received.

CARRIED

1.1.1 2017 Membership - Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee [CK. 175-9]

City Council, at its meeting held on December 12, 2016, adopted a recommendation of its Governance and Priorities Committee that the following be appointed and reappointed to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for 2017:

- Ms. Kathleen Aikens, Public Representative
- Ms. Angie Bugg, Public Representative
- Ms. Kari Engele-Carter, Saskatoon Health Region
- Ms. Aditi Garg, Public Representative
- Councillor Sarina Gersher
- Ms. Sara Harrison, Public Representative
- Mr. Sean Homenick, Public Representative
- Dr. David McGrane, Public Representative
- Ms. Kathryn Palmer, Public Representative
- Mr. Brian Sawatzky, Public Representative

Moved By: B. Sawatzky

That the information be received.

CARRIED

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: A. Bugg

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: S. Harrison

That the minutes of Regular Meeting of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee held on November 10, 2016 be approved.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

5. 2017 MEETING DATES [CK. 175-9]

The following is a proposed schedule of meeting dates for 2017 (no meetings in July, August, and December):

- January 12
- February 9
- March 9
- April 13
- May 11
- June 8
- September 14
- October 12
- November 9

Moved By: B. Sawatzky

That the meeting dates for the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for 2017 be approved.

CARRIED

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

Councillor Loewen was acknowledged for her long term service and advice to the Committee during her membership.

An update was provided regarding the Committee's Requests to Speak at the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services meetings held on November 14 and December 6, 2016. The Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee expressed support for Recovery Park and the opportunity to integrate waste diversion and landfill management programs into a single site. The Committee expressed support for a Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Inventory and emissions reduction strategy to mitigate climate change. The Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee has been asked to assist in developing a Community GHG Reduction Target.

The Committee will be holding its annual informal planning session to discuss its 2017 Goals and Priorities, these will be communicated to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services in March 2017.

The Committee Assistant undertook to circulate the 2017 meeting dates of the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services for the membership's attendance planning purposes. The Committee was advised that the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services meeting time has changed from 2:00 p.m. to 9:00 a.m.

Mayor Charlie Clark extended an invitation to the Chair to speak at City Council's launch of *Let's Talk 2020* campaign, a public discussion on trends facing cities and how the City of Saskatoon can address the impact of these trends. Discussion ensued regarding discussion topics. The Committee determined that Kathleen Aikens and David McGrane would address environmental sustainability on behalf of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee.

Ms. Garg entered the meeting at 12:08 p.m.

Moved By: A. Bugg

That the information be received.

CARRIED

7. COMMUNICATIONS

8. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

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

Director of Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Wallace was in attendance. The Committee was updated on reports being presented to the Standing Policy on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services at its meeting being held on January 31, 2017 these include the Waste Characterization Study Preliminary Results along with the Waste Management Master Plan - State of Waste report.

Moved By: A. Garg

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8.2 Saskatoon Greenhouse Gas Inventory and Update on Compact of Mayors [CK. 7542-004]

Nasha Spence, Manager, Environmental Accounting, Special Projects provided a PowerPoint presentation. A 2014 Inventory was completed due to the availability of data. The Administration has created a methodology that is reproducible for subsequent inventories. Next steps involve further work on a Mitigation Business Plan and Adaptation Strategy. Ms. Spence addressed questions of the Committee.

The Committee Assistant submitted a report of the General Manager, Corporate Performance, dated December 6, 2016, which was considered at the Regular Business Meeting of City Council held on December 12, 2016; it was resolved, in part, that the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee be asked to assist in developing a Community Greenhouse Gas Reduction Target.

Moved By: A. Bugg

1. That the Greenhouse Gas Emissions (GHG) Subcommittee meet to discuss and review the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee's recommended targets for GHG emissions for the community and update the Committee on its review at the March 2017 meeting;
2. That the Administration from Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Division be invited to attend the Subcommittee meeting; and
3. That the information be received.

CARRIED

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

Due to time constraints the report of the General Manager, Corporate Performance, dated November 14, 2016, was deferred to the Committee's February meeting.

Moved By: B. Sawatzky

That the report of the General Manager, Corporate Performance dated November 14, 2016 be deferred to the Committee's February meeting for discussion and action.

CARRIED

8.4 2016 Update to Our Environment: The City of Saskatoon's Environmental Leadership Report [CK. 7550-1, x 430-78]

The Committee Assistant submitted a report of the General Manager, Corporate Performance, dated December 6, 2016, which was considered at the Regular Business Meeting of City Council held on December 12, 2016; it was resolved, in part, that the report be forwarded to SEAC for its information.

Moved By: S. Harrison

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8.5 Environmental Sustainability Plan [CK. 7550-1, x 7540-002]

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Moved By: D. McGrane

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8.6 Environmental Protection Annual Report 2015 [CK. 430-78, x 7550-1]

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Moved By: A. Garg

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8.7 Ecological Footprint Report 2014 [CK. 7550-1]

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Moved By: K. Palmer

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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

The Subcommittee provided an update regarding the progress on the social media campaign pertaining to climate change. It was reported that the audio will be recorded by Mr. Brian Sawatzky. The animation done so far looks really good, and hopefully the characters can be used again. The story board will be forwarded to the Committee for review with a possible March launch timeline.

Moved By: S. Harrison

1. That the launch plan be included on the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee's February agenda for discussion and determination of release date; and
2. That the information be received.

CARRIED

10. APPOINTMENT OF SASKTOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPRESENTATIVE ASSISTANCE TO COMMUNITY GROUPS - CASH GRANTS PROGRAM ENVIRONMENTAL COMPONENT [CK. 1871-1]

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.

Ms. Angie Bugg was appointed as the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory representative for 2016.

Moved By: B. Sawatzky

That Ms. Kathryn Palmer serve as the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory representative for 2017 Assistance to Community Groups - Cash Grants Program.

CARRIED

11. 2016 ANNUAL REPORT - SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE [CK. 175-9]

This matter was on the agenda to determine the writer for the 2016 Annual Report.

Moved By: A. Bugg

That Kathleen Aikens, Chair and Brian Sawatzky, Vice-Chair be the writers of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee's 2016 Annual Report.

CARRIED

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

The year-end Statement of Expenditures was submitted for the Committee's review. The 2017 approved budget is \$6,800. The Committee determined to keep its allocation of funds as resolved at its June 9, 2016 meeting.

Moved By: A. Bugg

That the Committee allocate its 2017 funds as follows:

\$1,800 Student Action for a Sustainable Future (SASF)
\$5,000 Public Education/Information Gathering
Total \$6,800

CARRIED

13. PUBLICATIONS [CK. 175-9]

The Committee Assistant distributed a copy of the semi-annual publication from Planning & Development entitled "*Planning and Design Newsletter, Fall/Winter 2016 edition*" for the Committee's information.

It was suggested that going forward a link be provided to the publication for electronic access to help cut back on the distribution of hardcopies.

Moved By: S. Harrison

That the information be received.

CARRIED

14. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting was adjourned at 1:14 p.m.

Ms. K. Aikens, Chair

Ms. D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant