



## **PUBLIC MINUTES**

### **SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**September 14, 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
- Ms. S. Harrison
- Mr. S. Homenick
- Dr. D. McGrane
- Ms. K. Palmer

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

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

The Chair called the meeting to order.

#### **2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**Moved By:** K. Palmer

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

**CARRIED**

#### **3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no declaration of conflict of interest.

#### 4. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved By:** A. Bugg

1. That Item 6.2 read ".....due to being committee members of the Student Action for a Sustainable Future (SASF) ...." and not as stated; and
2. That the minutes of meeting of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee held on June 8, 2017, be approved as amended.

**CARRIED**

#### 5. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

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

The following was noted:

- Recognition of recent catastrophic climate events, as well as inter-related issues of environmental and social justice.
- Along with Committee members Brian and Angie, the Chair has nominated SEAC for a leadership award as part of the Rob Dumont Energy Management Awards.
- Local events: presentation by Jane Goodall, Saskatoon, September 30, 2017; Rob Dumont Energy Management Awards Dinner, October 4, 2017; training on Sustainable Development Goals offered by University of Saskatchewan Office of Sustainability on October 12, 2017.

Mr. Homenick entered the meeting at 11:39 a.m.

**Moved By:** E. Akins

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

#### 7. **COMMUNICATIONS**

##### 7.1 **Saskatoon Food Council [CK. 5700-1]**

A request to speak from Gord Enns, Executive Director, Saskatoon Food Council was received along with a letter prepared by the Food Council Board of Directors and a write up on urban agriculture in Saskatoon for the Committee's information. Mr. Enns provided a PowerPoint on the matter. Discussion revolved around the role of urban agriculture in reducing landfill waste in Saskatoon. The Committee feels that many of the Food Council's goals meet with its goals and encourages the Food Council to

present the matter to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Community Services. Ms. Aikens volunteered to write a letter of support on the Committee's behalf.

Ms. Garg and Mr. Sawatzky entered the meeting at 11:42 a.m. and 11:43 a.m.

**Moved By:** S. Harrison

1. That the information be received; and
2. That the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC) supports the work of the Saskatoon Food Council, exploring its recommendations and establishing a stronger relationship with the City of Saskatoon and that SEAC present its support at a meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services.

**CARRIED**

## **8. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

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

Director of Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Wallace advised that in October the division will be presenting a couple of reports to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services that will be of interest to SEAC and these will be shared with the Committee at a later date.

Shannon Dyck, Environmental Coordinator was in attendance and provided a summary of the 2017 Environmental Awareness Survey Results and circulated a handout to this regard. The results of the survey are available online at: [www.saskatoon.ca/ourenvironment](http://www.saskatoon.ca/ourenvironment).

**Moved By:** A. Garg

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

### **8.2 Vehicle Idling Bylaw Implications [CK. 375-4]**

The Committee Assistant submitted for the Committee's information a Resolution package from the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services meeting held June 12, 2017; it was

resolved, in part, that the report of the A/General Manager, Corporate Performance, dated June 12, 2017, be forwarded to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for comment.

Councillor Gersher advised that at City Council's June 26, 2017 meeting an added recommendation was put forth. Council would like to see any further public consultation be referred to the climate change mitigation business plan for engagement plan development. Discussion followed. The Committee supports greenhouse gas emission (GHG) reductions and reductions in vehicle idling as one of the measures to help meet GHG targets. The Committee determined to submit its comment to the Corporate Performance Department.

**Moved By:** A. Bugg

That SEAC recommend a vehicle idling bylaw, and education and engagement program, be included in the analysis of mitigation opportunities being undertaken by the Administration.

**CARRIED**

**9. CIVIC BUILDING SUSTAINABILITY POLICY [CK. 7550-1]**

**9.1 Johnson Shoyama Graduate School of Public Policy [CK. 7550-1]**

Michael Horvath and Graeme Jobe, Johnson Shoyama group provided a PowerPoint presentation report on sustainable civic building policies. Also provided was a "draft" report on Sustainable Civic Building Policies. The key recommendations and a summary of the key findings was presented. Discussion ensued.

Ms. Palmer excused herself from the meeting at 12:48 p.m.

**Moved By:** B. Sawatzky

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**9.2 Reports from Administration [CK. 7550-1]**

The Committee Assistant submitted the following "draft" documents as provided by the Administration: Comparison of Energy Efficiency Guidelines; Comparison of Green Building Systems; and Draft Outcomes for a High Performance Building Policy.

Chris Richards, Manager of Energy and Sustainability Engineering was in attendance and provided a brief presentation. Mr. Richards noted that the Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Division has done some parallel work on the Johnson Shoyama group information regarding high performance building policy and also referenced some of the Committee's past reports/information to aid in its work. Discussion followed.

**Moved By:** S. Homenick

1. That the information be received; and
2. That SEAC forward the request to provide Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Division with feedback on the outcomes of the High Performance Building Policy to the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Subcommittee for discussion at the October meeting.

**CARRIED**

**10. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS SUBCOMMITTEE [CK. 375-4]**

The GHG subcommittee has been working with Unite Digital Marketing Cooperative through the summer on a plan and policy for a continued social media campaign related to climate change in Saskatoon. The Committee was provided an update on progress to date and with a "draft" Social Media Policy for review and discussion. Also provided were partial draft of approved information/talking points for social media use. The subcommittee also requested the approval of \$300 of Committee funds to use in social media promotion during the months of September to December, 2017. Discussion followed. The Committee made minor edits to the social media policy. The policy is meant to govern the Committee's behavior regarding social media and the talking points are to serve as content to guide discussions.

Ms. Aikens and Ms. Harrison volunteered to be the social media coordinators until the end of 2017.

Mr. Homenick excused himself from the meeting at 1:30 p.m.

**Moved By:** D. McGrane

1. That SEAC approve the social media policy as a living document and any future changes required be adopted at Committee;
2. That a member of SEAC be appointed as social media coordinator(s) until December 31, 2017; and
3. That \$300.00 be approved from the 2017 budget to be used toward social media promotion during the months of September to December, 2017.

**CARRIED**

**11. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES [CK. 1704-5]**

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

It was determined that the Committee at its October meeting discuss budget items for the remainder of its 2017 funding.

**Moved By:** A. Bugg

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 1:31 p.m.

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Ms. K. Aikens, Chair

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Ms. D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant