



**PUBLIC MINUTES  
SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**June 11, 2015, 11:30 am  
Committee Room A, Second Floor, City Hall**

**PRESENT:** Dr. M. Hill, Chair  
Ms. K. Aikens, Vice-Chair  
Councillor M. Loewen  
Ms. N. Kochar  
Ms. A. Bugg  
Dr. D. McGrane  
Dr. S. Moshiri  
Mr. S. Homenick  
Ms. A. Garg  
Mr. B. Sawatzky  
Mr. B. Latimer

**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:** Ms. Bugg

That the agenda be approved as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved By:** Ms. Kochar

That the minutes of Regular Meeting of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee held on May 7, 2015 be amended as follows:

1. Under item 6.2 Project Engineer Richards should read Education & Environmental Performance Manager Jones answered questions of the Committee regarding the status of the Wetland policy and not as stated; and
2. That the minutes be adopted as amended.

**CARRIED**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR (File No. CK. 175-9)**

The Chair reminded the Committee that June is the last meeting until September as the Committee does not meet in July and August.

**Moved By:** Ms. Aikens

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

**6.1 Dark Sky Policy (File No. CK. 6300-1)**

Mr. Richard Huziak, representing the Saskatchewan Light Pollution Abatement Committee was in attendance and provided comments on developing an integrated and comprehensive Dark Sky Lighting Policy.

**Moved By:** Dr. McGrane

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**7.1 Dark Sky Lighting Policy (File No. CK.6300-1)**

Development Review Section Manager Dawson reviewed the submitted memo from the Planning and Development Division with the Committee. The memo outlines Civic Bylaws and guidelines that are currently in place that pertain to outdoor lighting. Director of Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Wallace was also in attendance for this matter and addressed questions of the Committee.

Discussion ensued. The suggestion was put forth on placing the focus on environmental overlays to aid achieving a Dark Sky Lighting Policy. Development Review Section Manager Dawson stated that he could update the Committee later in the year on the progress of the matter.

**Moved By:** Mr. Sawatzky

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

## **7.2 Environmental and Corporate Initiatives Update (File No. CK. 7550-1)**

Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Director Wallace was in attendance and submitted a thank-you note from SASF Coordinator Shannon Dyck to the Committee for their support of the SASF program (Student Action for a Sustainable Future). Ms. Wallace also provided an update on the following:

- Ms. Kara Fagnou has been appointed the new Director of Building Standards and will work with stakeholders in moving energy efficiency and awareness forward.
- It has been determined that the allocated funding of \$4,500 from SEAC's 2015 budget toward a GHG inventory initiative is not substantial enough to be leveraged toward this initiative, but perhaps could be put toward an environmental initiative such as a water bottle filling station for festivals.

Discussion followed. The Committee determined that it was prudent for them to write a letter to be presented to City Council through the Executive Committee urging them to find the necessary funding for a Community GHG Inventory. Dr. McGrane and Mr. Sawatzky will draft this letter on behalf of SEAC. In addition, Ms. Wallace suggested that Ms. Angela Schmidt, Strategic & Business Planning, Corporate Performance be invited to SEAC's September meeting to advise on corporate performance targets such as the GHG Inventory identified by SEAC.

Mr. Josh Quintal, Project Engineer, Environmental & Corporate Initiatives was also in attendance and presented the Committee with a PowerPoint presentation on *The Vision for Recovery Park*.

**Moved By:** Dr. McGrane

1. That the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee urges City Council to find the appropriate funding for a Community Greenhouse Gas Inventory in the 2016 Business Plan and Budget; and
2. That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**8. EVENT SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE (File No. CK. 175-9)**

The subcommittee on Event Sustainability met on May 26, 2015 to discuss the next steps on SEAC's festival and event portfolio; two recommendations were put forth from this discussion to the Committee.

**Moved By:** Dr. Moshiri

1. That the subcommittee work with the Recreation & Sport Division to include a provision for those seeking special event permits to demonstrate their plans for waste management (see Attachment 8 of agenda for detail); and
2. That the subcommittee work with the Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Division to assess what further information can be gained on festival and events through the Division's Let's Roll Recycling summer students.

**CARRIED**

**9. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES (File CK. No. 1704-5)**

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

**Moved By:** Ms. Aikens

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**10. 2016 PROPOSED BUDGET (File No. CK. 1704-5)**

The Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee is requested to put forward a proposed budget submission for 2016 for inclusion in the 2016 Operating Budget Review. The Committee Assistant submitted, for reference, this year's budget.

Discussion ensued regarding request for funding for the Committee for 2016.

Ms. Kochar and Ms. Garg excused themselves from the meeting at 1:10 p.m.

**Moved By:** Dr. McGrane

1. That the Committee request funding in the amount of \$6,800.00 (identical to what was received in 2015, allocated as follows:

\$100 Publications/Reports  
\$6,000 Public Education, Information Gathering  
\$500 Conferences/Workshops  
\$200 Membership Fees  
Total: \$6,800; and

2. That the Committee approve up to \$4,500 of its 2015 budget for a water bottle filling station subject to the quality of this filling station and the opportunity to have SEAC's name placed on it.

**CARRIED**

## **11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:19 p.m.

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Dr. Michael Hill, Chair