



PUBLIC MINUTES

SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

September 8, 2016, 11:30 am
Committee Room A, Second Floor, City Hall

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

ABSENT: Dr. S. Moshiri

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

Dr. McGrane entered the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Moved By: S. Harrison

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 June 9, 2016 be adopted.

CARRIED

4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

4.1 Discussion - On-street Parking Limits (CK. 375-4)

The Committee briefly discussed some of the environmental implications of the City's on-street parking limits could have. *The Traffic Bylaw (7200)* omits the option for individuals to park their vehicle on the street for longer than 36 consecutive hours.

Director of Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Wallace noted that all the City Policies and Bylaws can be accessed on the City's website. The Committee was advised that the Administration plans to review inadvertently established barriers in conjunction with updating the Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory.

Moved By: B. Sawatzky

1. That the information be received; and
2. That the matter as it relates to environmental implications be referred to the GHG subcommittee for further discussion.

CARRIED

5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR (CK. 175-9)

The Committee was advised of the following:

- Student Action for a Sustainable Future (SASF) video is now posted on the City's website at <https://www.saskatoon.ca/community-culture-heritage/our-environment/community-environmental-programs>.
- David Suzuki is presenting, September 18, 2016 at Word on the Street, 11:00 a.m. and the Broadway Theatre, 7:00 p.m.
- Rally for Jobs, Justice and the Climate, October 1, 2016, 1:00 p.m., Rotary Park.

Moved By: K. Palmer

That the information be received.

CARRIED

6. COMMUNICATIONS

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

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

Mr. Homenick and Councillor Loewen entered the meeting at 11:42 a.m. and 11:44 a.m.

Chris Schulz, Natural Area Strategy Project Manager and Twyla Yobb, Stormwater Management Plan Project Manager were in attendance and provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the Green Infrastructure Strategy. Two initiatives have been combined into this strategy the Natural Area Strategy and the Stormwater Management Plan Integrated Project. The presentation included: the future for natural areas; key strategic elements; urban stormwater evolution; future of municipal stormwater; project integration; rationale for integration; and funding.

Nasha Spence, Manager, Environmental Accounting, Special Projects, Environmental & Corporate Initiatives was in attendance and provided a PowerPoint presentation regarding the GHG Emissions Inventory Update along with a handout on Community GHG Emissions. The presentation included comparisons between previously collected GHG emissions data regarding community; residential and industrial-commercial-institutional stationary emissions; and corporate to the currently collected data. Further information on the Inventory will be provided in 2016.

Amber Weckworth, Education & Environmental Performance Manager was in attendance and provided a PowerPoint presentation on "Our Environment", this webpage is accessible on the City's website at saskatoon.ca/ourenvironment. The inaugural report was done in 2014 and it established a baseline of information indicating the health of our environment and what the City is doing to maintain and improve it. The webpage provides information on the current indicators tracked by the City related to land, air, water, and waste.

Director of Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Wallace provided an update on Recovery Park. The initiative is ready to seek service providers. The RFP for the Park's construction is ready. Some of the funding for the Park is in place while options for further funding opportunities will continue to be investigated.

Moved By: A. Garg

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS SUBCOMMITTEE - UPDATE (CK. 375-4)

The Subcommittee along with Unite Digital have put together the beginning idea for a social media campaign. A short animated video has been created. The video will be shared with the Committee before it is launched, a launching date prior to the civic election is preferable; if the timelines for its release is not possible then the launch date will occur after the election. Director of Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Wallace reported that the Committee would be able to use the City's media room.

Ms. Garg excused herself from the meeting at 12:43 p.m.

Ms. Bugg excused herself from the meeting at 12:56 p.m.

The Committee Assistant undertook to verify with the City Clerk that the video content and release date prior to the municipal civic election is appropriate.

Moved By: D. McGrane

1. That the GHG subcommittee, pending the confirmation of the appropriate timeline, proceed with the dissemination of its social media campaign regarding awareness raising related to climate change; and
2. That the release of the social media campaign be subject to final review and approval by SEAC.

CARRIED

9. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES (CK. 1704-5)

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

Moved By: S. Harrison

That the information be received.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:56 p.m.

Ms. K. Aikens, Chair

Ms. D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant