



**PUBLIC MINUTES**  
**SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**February 11, 2016, 11:30 am**  
**Committee Room A, Second Floor, City Hall**

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

**ABSENT:** Ms. K. Aikens, Chair  
Ms. A. Garg  
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**

**Moved By:** A. Bugg

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved By:** A. Bugg

That the minutes of Regular Meeting of the Environmental Advisory Committee held on January 14, 2016 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

In the Chair's absence no report was provided.

**Moved By:** B. Sawatzky

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

**7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

**7.1 Environmental and Corporate Initiatives (File CK. 7550-1)**

Director of Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Wallace was in attendance and updated the Committee on the following:

- The Solar City program initiative is not being pursued this year. City Council has recently requested information on property tax tools available to administer an energy efficient retrofit program in Saskatoon. Some of the tax tools available include tax abatements, grants, and possibly third-party city lending offering. The Saskatchewan Municipal Board will be contacted for their input on the matter. The Administration intends to submit a report on opportunities to use the property tax system to administer a program as noted-above to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services in April 2016.
- City Council put forth three resolutions pertaining to the Saskatchewan Environmental Society's letter on a GHG strategy (these will be forwarded to the Committee by Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Division).
- City Council resolved to write to the Provincial Government to discuss opportunities to partner to achieve the goal of 50% renewal energy by 2030; and that the Administration report back on solar installation on City or privately-owned property.

Discussion followed.

**Moved By:** D. McGrane

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**8. WASTE AND RECYCLING SURVEY RESULTS (File CK. 365-1)**

Environmental Coordinator, Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Shannon Dyck was in attendance and presented a PowerPoint on Waste and Recycling Awareness Survey Results. The survey was completed in October 2015; its purpose was to obtain quantitative results that could provide information on the following:

- Recycling Knowledge
- Recycling Program Satisfaction
- Information Sources
- Ways to Enhance the Program
- Understanding, awareness, and expectations of other Waste Diversion Programs

Discussion followed.

**Moved By:** S. Homenick

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**9. 2016 GOALS AND OBJECTIVES (File CK. 175-9)**

The Committee, at its meeting held on January 14, 2016, determined to set its 2016 Goals and Objectives, the following have been put forth in this regard:

1. Advocate for the creation of a Climate Change strategy for the City of Saskatoon, including a comprehensive greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions reduction plan.
  - A. SEAC will advocate for reduction in GHG emissions through strategic initiatives, as appropriate, in the domains of:
    - i) Building Codes and Neighbourhood Design
    - ii) Electricity Generation and Renewable Energy Sources
    - iii) Industrial Emissions
    - iv) Transportation
    - v) Public Education
  - B. SEAC will advocate for the revival of the Solar City Initiative (or similar program), which had been developed by the City in 2014, but was not funded in 2015.

- C. SEAC will continue to monitor and advise on work related to water and wetland conservation and storm-water planning.
2. Continue to develop greater linkages with Council's Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services, through the provision of monthly in-person reports of SEAC members to the Standing Policy Committee, and formal communication of annual goals.
3. Continue to support city-wide waste diversion initiatives as opportunities arise, through formal advocacy (i.e. providing letters of support) on organic waste diversion options.

**Moved By:** D. McGrane

1. That the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee's 2016 Goals and Objectives be approved and submitted to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services at its next meeting; and
2. That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

Dr. McGrane excused himself from the meeting at 12:38 p.m.

**10. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE (File CK. 375-4)**

The sub-committee circulated a draft copy of its letter in response to the Saskatchewan Environmental Society's recommendations for greenhouse gas emissions reduction to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services for the Committee's review and approval. Discussion ensued and minor revisions were noted.

**Moved By:** S. Harrison

1. That the sub-committee on greenhouse gas emissions approve and submit its letter in support of the Saskatchewan Environmental Society's recommendations for greenhouse gas emissions reduction to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services at its next meeting; and
2. That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**11. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES**

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

**Moved By:** Councillor Loewen

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**12. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:06 p.m.

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Ms. K. Aikens, Chair

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Ms. D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant