



**PUBLIC MINUTES  
SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**September 10, 2015, 11:30 am  
Committee Room A, Second Floor, City Hall**

**PRESENT:** Dr. M. Hill, Chair  
Ms. K. Aikens, Vice-Chair  
Ms. A. Bugg  
Mr. B. Latimer  
Mr. S. Homenick  
Dr. S. Moshiri  
Mr. B. Sawatzky

**ABSENT:** Councillor M. Loewen  
Dr. D. McGrane  
Ms. A. Garg  
Ms. N. Kochar

**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. Aikens

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES**

**Moved By:** Mr. Latimer

That the minutes of Regular Meeting of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee held on June 11, 2015 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

The Chair reported that City Council at its meeting held on August 20, 2015 resolved that the information submitted by SEAC regarding request for funding a community greenhouse gas emissions inventory be received and considered with the 2016 Business Plan and Budget review.

Discussion followed regarding possibly having a member of SEAC attend the 2016 Business Plan and Budget review scheduled for early December 2015.

The Committee was asked to share antidotal observations from over the summer months regarding environmental behaviours/practices and discussion followed.

**Moved By:** Mr. Sawatzky

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

## **6. COMMUNICATIONS**

### **6.1 Net Metering Program for Saskatoon Light & Power (File No. CK. 2000-1)**

The Committee Assistant submitted a report of the General Manager, Transportation & Utilities Department, dated June 2, 2015, which was considered at the Regular Business Meeting of City Council held June 22, 2015; it was resolved that the report be forwarded to SEAC for its information.

**Moved By:** Mr. Homenick

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

### **6.2 Publications (File No. CK. 175-9)**

*Planning and Design Newsletter, Spring/Summer 2015 edition.*

*Saskatoon Tree Tour Booklets, SOS Elms Coalition.*

The Committee Assistant circulated copies of the above noted publications at the meeting.

**Moved By:** Dr. Moshiri

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

## **7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION**

### **7.1 Growth Plan (Growing Forward) - Update (File No. CK. 4110-2)**

Director of Planning & Development Wallace along with Manager, Neighbourhood Planning Anderson were in attendance and together provided a PowerPoint and reviewed the submitted memo from Planning and Development Division with the Committee.

Growing Forward! Shaping Saskatoon is a public planning initiative to develop a growth plan to half a million for Saskatoon with the intent to guide infrastructure investments. A final draft of the plan is expected for October 2015 along with public engagement events also being held in October. More information about the plan can be accessed at [www.growingfwd.ca](http://www.growingfwd.ca).

The Committee was encouraged to communicate to City Council their support of the Growing Forward! Plan.

**Moved By:** Ms. Bugg

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

### **7.2 Energy Codes in Saskatchewan - Update (File No. CK. 540-1)**

Director of Building Standards Fagnou was in attendance and updated the Committee to the adoption and implementation of energy efficient building standards. The Committee was advised that the Administration is working to promote consistent interpretation and application of building standards and establish collective partnerships to help achieve this goal.

Discussion ensued and the Committee put forth the request to Ms. Fagnou that they continue to be updated on any future information regarding energy efficient building standards.

**Moved By:** Mr. Sawatzky

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**7.3 Biodiversity Conservation: Recommendations for the City of Saskatoon (File No. CK. 175-9)**

Director of Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Wallace was in attendance and briefly discussed the submitted report with the Committee. The Committee was informed that a report on Natural Areas and Wetlands Policy was presented to the Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development and Community Services at their meeting held September 8, 2015. The intent is to present this report to SEAC at a future meeting.

**Moved By:** Mr. Homenick

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

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

Director of Environmental & Corporate initiatives Wallace was in attendance and reviewed the submitted memo with the Committee confirming the Committee's 2015 Goals and Objectives. Ms. Wallace also updated the Committee on their resolution to contribute funding towards a water bottle filling station as discussed at the June meeting; however, due to coordination costs this is not feasible and other options can be explored.

Mr. Miguel Gaudet, Soils Engineer, Environmental & Corporate Initiatives was also in attendance and presented the Committee with a PowerPoint on *Soil Handling Strategy*. Discussion ensued.

**Moved By:** Mr. Homenick

1. That the sub-committee meet to discuss SEAC's recommended targets for GHG emissions for the community and present to the Committee its findings at the next meeting; and
2. That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**8. CHANGES IN ENERGY INTENSITY IN CANADA (File CK. 175-9)**

Dr. Saeed Moshiri, STM College, University of Saskatchewan reviewed the submitted report with the Committee. Discussion followed and Mr. Moshiri addressed questions of the Committee.

**Moved By:** Mr. Latimer

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**9. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES**

A current Statement of Expenditures was submitted by the Committee Assistant for review by the Committee. Discussion followed and it was determined to further discuss initiatives related to its budget at the Committee's next meeting.

**Moved By:** Dr. Hill

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**10. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:11 p.m.

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Dr. Michael Hill, Chair

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D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant