



## PUBLIC MINUTES

### SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

April 14, 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. S. Harrison  
Ms. K. Engele-Carter

ABSENT: Dr. S. Moshiri  
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:** S. Homenick

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 March 10, 2016 be adopted.

**CARRIED**

**4. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**5. REPORT OF THE CHAIR**

The Committee was advised of the following:

- Planning & Development Division will be in attendance in May to discuss City of Saskatoon Parking Strategy and Dark Sky Lighting.
- The Northeast Swale Watchers are hosting a screening and discussion of the documentary file *Division Street*, April 18, 2016, 7:00 p.m., Francis Morrison Library.
- Student Action for a Sustainable Future student showcase, April 19, 2016, 10:00 to 11:30 a.m., Western Development Museum.
- School of Environment & Sustainability in conjunction with the Saskatchewan Environmental Society will be hosting an Earth Day event, April 23, 2016, 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Farmer's Market.
- Conference "Sustainable Energy Futures for Saskatchewan", U of S, May 27, 2016, all day.

Dr. McGrane entered the meeting at 11:35 a.m.

On April 11, 2016, SEAC presented to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services its support and comments regarding two reports before the Committee: Energy Efficient Retrofit Program and Energy Efficient Building Standards in New Dwelling Construction, the comments were well received. Also present was the CEO, Saskatoon & Region Home Builders' Association, the Association expressed support for an energy efficient retrofit program and the energy rating and labelling programs as tools to evaluate and rate a home's energy performance.

**Moved By:** A. Garg

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 circulated to the Committee a handout entitled "Winter 2016 Waste Audit Highlights - City of Saskatoon". As a component of the ongoing Waste Characterization Study and Waste Diversion Plan project, a waste audit (the winter event) of single family and multi-residential households was undertaken by 2cg Waste Management Consulting Services over the course of two weeks: February 15-26, 2016 highlights of the audit was presented. The Committee will receive updates as the audit is updated.

- The focus of the study is community based--the waste generated in Saskatoon.
- Logistical options and affordability of the programs are important.
- The technical and financial aspects of the Waste Diversion Plan project will be worked on in 2016.
- In 2017 the study will be made available to the public.

The Green Cart Program, this spring, will also include food waste services. There is no limit on the quantity of green carts a residency can have, however, there is a cost associated with the program.

**Moved By:** D. McGrane

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

#### **7.1.1 Seasonal Environmental Programs**

Shannon Dyck, Environmental Coordinator and Amber Weckworth, Education & Environmental Performance Manager, Environmental & Corporate Initiatives were both in attendance and presented a PowerPoint on Environmental Education Programs including the following:

- Student Action for a Sustainable Future (SASF) - a video link was provided to SASF 2015 student showcase
- Sustainable Workplace Initiative
- Healthy Yards - The Garden Patch
- Boulevard Gardening & Maintenance Guidelines (new in 2016)
- Recycling Programs - City of Saskatoon website Waste Wizard, and Rolling Education Unit

- Curbside Swap - a city-wide curbside swap will occur on September 10, 2016  
Raising public awareness and education for these programs is a key element to their success.

Ms. Garg excused herself from the meeting during discussion of this matter at 12:15 p.m.

**Moved By:** D. McGrane

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

### **7.1.2 Community GHG Emissions Inventory and Reduction Planning (File CK. 375-4)**

Nasha Spence, Manager, Environmental Accounting, Special Projects, Environmental & Corporate Initiatives was in attendance and presented a PowerPoint presentation on City of Saskatoon and Community Greenhouse Gas Emissions Inventory. A brief update was provided on protocol for the inventory; reporting requirements; and status of the inventory.

The next step is to look at what programs and policies are needed to move the Inventory forward. Target setting is not currently being worked on, this will come after the completion of the Inventory.

The Administration intends to present an update on the Inventory to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services, July 2016; report to Compact of Mayors, November 2016; and final report submission, December 2016.

**Moved By:** D. McGrane

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

## **8. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES**

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

Director of Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Wallace at SEAC's meeting held on March 10, 2016 was asked to look into what type of communication tools could be used for a marketing campaign to help advance public environmental

awareness; it was reported that other Advisory Committees have set precedence using media tools like brochures; and organizing and hosting events that promote or educate regarding a Committee's mandate. Most committees have used traditional media tools, but social media can also be used.

Discussion followed revolving around options for the best use of Committee funds in order to support SEAC's 2016 goals and priorities such as GHG emission reduction.

**Moved By:** A. Bugg

1. That Dr. McGrane on behalf of SEAC contact Unite Digital Marketing Co-operative to obtain information regarding a social media awareness raising campaign regarding GHG emissions; and
2. That the GHG subcommittee meet to discuss options for proposal submissions regarding a media awareness campaign to help determine budget allocations.

**CARRIED**

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:03 p.m.

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Ms. K. Aikens, Chair

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Ms. D. Sackmann, Committee Assistant