



**PUBLIC AGENDA
SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Friday, February 21, 2025, 11:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

Committee Members:

**Angela Spence, Public, Chair
Robin Steeg, Public, Vice Chair
Diane Bentley, Public
Manvi Ghai, Public
Darren Hill, Saskatchewan Health Authority
Ian Judd-Henrey, Public
Danielle Kehler, Public
Erica Maier, Meewasin Valley Authority
Terry Neefs, Public
Palash Sanyal, Public
Colleen Steele, Public
Siobhan Takala, Public**

Other Attendees:

**Councillor Kathryn MacDonald
Metering & Sustainable Electricity Manager, Jose Cheruvallath
Director of Building Standards, Kara Fagnou
Environment Projects and Protection Manager, Dan Gauthier
Senior Planner, Planning & Development, Lars Ketilson
Senior Transportation Engineer, Justine Marcoux
Director of Sustainability, Jeanna South**

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Pages

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair will call the meeting to order on Treaty 6 Territory and the Traditional Homeland of the Métis People and confirm roll call.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Recommendation

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES [CK 175-9-1]

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Recommendation

That the minutes of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on January 24, 2025, be approved.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 Candace Savage - Wild about Saskatoon - Request for Support for Urban Wildlife Information Network Saskatoon

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A letter requesting support from Candace Savage, Wild About Saskatoon, dated January 27, 2025, is provided.

Recommendation

That the Committee provide direction.

7. VERBAL UPDATES

7.1 REPORT OF THE CHAIR [CK 175-9]

This is a standing item on the agenda to provide the Chair an opportunity to update on their activities since the last meeting.

Chair Spence will provide a verbal update.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

7.2 COMMITTEE OR RESOURCE MEMBER UPDATE [CK 175-9]

This is a standing item on the agenda to provide an opportunity for a Committee or Resource member to update on issues, trends, events, etc. that pertain to the Committee's mandate.

7.3 SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES [CK 375-4]

This is a standing item to provide an opportunity for the Subcommittee to

report back on referred matters.

7.3.1 Education Subcommittee

The Education Subcommittee will provide a verbal update.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

7.3.2 Water Conservation and Quality Management Subcommittee

The Water Conservation and Quality Management Subcommittee will provide a verbal update.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

8. REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE

9. WORK PLAN CONSIDERATION

9.1 WORK PLAN AND REFERRALS TO STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE [CK 175-9]

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This is a standing item on the agenda for the Committee, and/or any Subcommittee, to provide updates regarding items on its Work Plan and any matters being referred to the Standing Policy Committee for consideration.

As stated in the Terms of Reference, the Committee shall submit a work plan for the upcoming year to City Council, through the Standing Policy Committee on Environment Utilities and Corporate Services.

The draft 2025 Work Plan is provided and will be discussed at the meeting.

Recommendation

That the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee approve its Work Plan for 2025, for submission to City Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services by March 31, 2025.

10. BUDGET - STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR 2025 [CK 1704-5]

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The current Statement of Expenditures is provided for the Committee's information.

Recommendation

That the information be received.

11. ADJOURNMENT

PUBLIC MINUTES

SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

January 24, 2025, 11:30 a.m.

Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

PRESENT: Diane Bentley, Public
Manvi Ghai, Public via teleconference
Darren Hill, Saskatchewan Health Authority via teleconference
Ian Judd-Henrey, Public
Erica Maier, Meewasin Valley Authority
Angela Spence, Public
Robin Steeg, Public
Colleen Steele, Public at 11:40 a.m.
Siobhan Takala, Public

ABSENT: Danielle Kehler, Public
Terry Neefs, Public
Palash Sanyal, Public

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor K. MacDonald
Senior Planner, Planning & Development, Lars Ketilson via teleconference
Director of Sustainability, Jeanna South via teleconference
H. Thompson, Committee Assistant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Committee Assistant Thompson called the meeting to order on Treaty 6 Territory and the Traditional Homeland of the Métis People and confirmed roll call.

1.1 Committee Orientation [CK 175-9]

Committee Assistant Thompson provided an overview of the Committee process.

Moved By: R. Steeg

That the information be received.

CARRIED

**1.2 2025 Membership - Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee
[CK 175-9]**

City Council, at its Regular Business meeting held on December 18, 2024, adopted a recommendation of its Governance and Priorities Committee that the following be (re)appointed to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for the terms indicated.

(Re)appointed to the end of 2026:

- Darren Hill, Saskatchewan Health Authority
- Manvi Ghai, Public
- Ian Judd-Henrey, Public
- Colleen Steele, Public
- Siobhan Takala, Public

Moved By: A. Spence

That the information be received.

CARRIED

1.3 Appointment of Chair and Vice-Chair [CK 175-9]

The Committee was requested to appoint a Chair and Vice-Chair for 2025. Angela Spence was Chair and John Paul Wasan and Vice-Chair for 2024.

Committee Assistant Thompson opened nominations for Chair.

Robin Steeg nominated Angela Spence for Chair. No further nominations were received.

Committee Assistant Thompson opened nominations for Vice Chair.

Diane Bentley nominated Robin Steeg for Vice Chair. No further nominations were received.

Moved By: R. Steeg

That Angela Spence be appointed Chair of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for 2025.

CARRIED

Moved By: D. Bentley

That Robin Steeg be appointed Vice-Chair of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for 2025.

CARRIED

1.4 2025 Meeting Dates

The meeting dates for 2025 are as follows:

- January 24
- February 21
- March 21
- April 25
- May 16
- June 20
- September 19
- October 17
- November 21

Moved By: D. Bentley

That the information be received.

CARRIED

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: R. Steeg

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

CARRIED

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES [CK 175-9-1]

Moved By: D. Bentley

That the minutes of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on November 29, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. COMMUNICATIONS

6.1 Environmental Grant Program - Adjudication Committee Member [CK 225-4-3]

A request for a Committee member to sit on the Environmental Grant Program - Adjudication Committee was provided. Education and Environmental Performance Manager Burns was in attendance and spoke to the matter.

Moved By: I. Judd-Henrey

That Siobhan Takala sits as the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee's appointee for the Environmental Grant Program Adjudication Committee.

CARRIED

7. VERBAL UPDATES

7.1 REPORT OF THE CHAIR [CK 175-9]

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No update was provided.

7.2 COMMITTEE OR RESOURCE MEMBER UPDATE [CK 175-9]

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7.2.1 Erica Maier, Meewasin Valley Authority

A verbal update was provided to clarify the number of trees planted with Meewasin Valley Authority and also the locations.

The Committee provided topics they would like discussed from Meewasin Valley Authority in 2025.

Moved By: S. Takala

That the information be received.

CARRIED

7.3 SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES [CK 375-4]

This is a standing item to provide an opportunity for the Subcommittee to report back on referred matters.

7.3.1 Education Subcommittee

The members requested that the report titled '2023 Climate Action Progress Report', dated December 10, 2024, be shared and presented by the Administration at a future meeting. The Administration confirmed they are available to present the report.

Moved By: D. Bentley

That the information be received.

CARRIED

7.3.2 Water Conservation and Quality Management Subcommittee

No update was provided.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP [CK 225-83]

An advisory committee may form subcommittees and working group within its membership as necessary to address specific issues within its mandate. Subcommittees shall draw upon voting members of the Committee.

The Committee had two Subcommittees in 2024:

- Education Subcommittee - Established to develop content to engage with the community, social media, community engagement and public education and awareness.

- Water Conservation and Quality Management Subcommittee - Established to engage with local organizations, community engagement and presentations to the Committee.

The Committee was requested to determine if the subcommittees are required and to appoint members for the subcommittees for 2025.

During discussion, Committee members requested for the Water Conservation and Quality Management presentation be shared with all members.

Moved By: R. Steeg

1. That the Education Subcommittee continue and be comprised of all voting members of the Saskatoon Environment Advisory Committee; and
2. That the Water Conservation and Quality Management Subcommittee continue and be comprised of all voting members of the Saskatoon Environment Advisory Committee.

CARRIED

9. REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE

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The 2024 Work Plan was provided for the Committee's information.

The draft 2025 Work Plan was reviewed by the members.

Moved By: I. Judd-Henrey

That the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee draft its Work Plan for 2025, for submission to City Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services by March 31, 2025.

CARRIED

11. BUDGET - STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR 2025 [CK 1704-5]

The 2024 year end budget was provided. The 2025 approved budget is \$7,800.00.

The 2024 distribution was as follows:

- Education - \$7,000.00
- Training - \$800.00

The Committee was requested to review the budget and provide the 2025 distribution.

Committee discussed the 2025 budget distribution and confirmed the following:

- Education - \$7,000.00
- Training - \$800.00

Moved By: D. Bentley

That the 2025 budget distribution be confirmed as:

- Education - \$7,000.00
- Training - \$800.00

CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:35 p.m.

A. Spence, Chair

Committee Assistant H. Thompson

Subject: Communication - Candace Savage - Wild about Saskatoon - Request for support for Urban Wildlife Information Network Saskatoon - CK 150-1
Attachments: Request to SEAC.pdf

From: Web NoReply <web-noreply@Saskatoon.ca>
Sent: Monday, January 27, 2025 11:33 AM
To: City Council <City.Council@Saskatoon.ca>
Subject: Email - Communication - Candace Savage - Wild about Saskatoon - Request for support for Urban Wildlife Information Network Saskatoon - CK 150-1

--- Replies to this email will go to hello@wildaboutsaskatoon.org ---

Submitted on Monday, January 27, 2025 - 11:33

Submitted by user: [REDACTED]

Submitted values are:

I have read and understand the above statements.: Yes

I do not want my comments placed on a public agenda. They will be shared with members of Council through their online repository.: No

I only want my comments shared with the Mayor or my Ward Councillor.: No

Date: Monday, January 27, 2025

To: His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council

Pronouns: She/her/hers

First Name: Candace

Last Name: Savage

Phonetic spelling of first and/or last name: 306 [REDACTED]

Phone Number : [306](tel:306) [REDACTED]

Email: hello@wildaboutsaskatoon.org

I live outside of Saskatoon: No

Saskatoon Address and Ward:

Address: [REDACTED] Albert Avenue

Ward: Ward 6

Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable): Wild about Saskatoon

What do you wish to do ?: Submit Comments

What meeting do you wish to speak/submit comments ? (if known):: Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee, February 21

Comments:

January 27, 2025

To: Angela Spence, Chair, Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee
From: Chet Neufeld, Executive Director, Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan
Renny Grilz, Resource Management Officer, Meewasin Valley Authority
Candace Savage, Chair, Wild about Saskatoon

Request for support for UWIN Saskatoon

According to the City's 2025 Advisory Committee Manual, SEAC is tasked with providing "education and awareness programs on all matters within its mandate," including "wildlife or habitat conservation" and "ecological systems and greenspaces." We believe that partnering with Saskatoon's Urban Wildlife Information Network [UWIN Saskatoon] would provide you with an interesting opportunity to fulfill this requirement. At the same time, you would be helping the City advance toward several of its strategic goals: Environmental Leadership, Sustainable Growth, Quality of Life, and a Culture of Continuous Improvement.

A bit of background: The Urban Wildlife Information Network, or UWIN, is an international research alliance created by the Urban Wildlife Institute at Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago, with the aim of "making cities better for humans and wildlife." Saskatoon is only the second Canadian city to join this important international research project and the only one that is actively collecting data at present. Our work is putting Saskatoon on the map as a center for wildlife research, urban conservation and knowledge dissemination.

As the UWIN website explains, the overall goal of this project is "to conduct the science needed to ensure that humans and wildlife can co-exist in urban areas, and that cities can contribute to biodiversity conservation around the world." UWIN provides a standardized methodology for the deployment of wildlife cameras, a platform for sharing data, and a framework for researchers from different cities to compare their findings. This research is of ever-increasing importance in our rapidly urbanizing region.

Originally housed at the University of Saskatchewan, UWIN Saskatoon is currently transforming into a remarkable collaborative effort that brings together in-kind contributions from the Meewasin Valley Authority, City of Saskatoon Naturalized Parks, the Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan, Wild About Saskatoon and community volunteers. Together, we intend to maintain and expand our existing network of 30 wildlife cameras to generate high-quality information about wildlife occurrences in peri-urban and urban habitats, with the intention of informing planning decisions, enhancing wildlife survival and reducing human-wildlife conflict. Information generated by UWIN Saskatoon has already been sought after by the City's urban planners and decision-makers.

In addition to creating valuable data about wildlife presence and trends, UWIN Saskatoon will also foster education and awareness about urban habitats, greenspaces and conservation. Hundreds, and potentially thousands, of Saskatoon residents will be engaged, whether by helping monitor the cameras, assisting with photo identification or "liking" and learning from wildlife pictures shared on social media.

The labour involved in this project is all being provided free of charge, either as volunteer hours donated by individuals or as in-kind contributions from the partner agencies. However, the operational costs of replacing damaged-and-stolen cameras, flat batteries and other equipment is not funded. (The original equipment was donated by the Forestry Farm Park and Zoo as a one-time, never-to-be-repeated gift.) Given that UWIN Saskatoon is an excellent fit with SEAC's mandate, we hope you will consider helping to meet this need.

UWIN Saskatoon Equipment Budget April 1, 2025 – May 31, 2026

INCOME

\$4000 This request

\$1250 Private donations (secured)

\$5250 Total income

EXPENSES

\$1250 5 cameras at about \$250 each

350 10 security boxes

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Attachments:

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting?: No



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SEAC 2025 WORK PLAN

Deputy City Clerk, Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services

Re: 2025 Work Plan – Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee (File No. CK. 175-9)

Work Plan for 2025

In 2025 SEAC will do the following, aligned with the City of Saskatoon strategic plan:

1. Environmental Leadership

- Encourage City Council to take a proficient proactive stance in Municipal issues relating to environment and sustainability applicable to the City size.
- Continue to advise City Council in the implementation of the Low Emissions Community Plan and the Corporate Climate Adaptation Strategy, including renewable energy such as solar and supporting infrastructure.
- Consideration of climate resilience infrastructure (landfills, utilities, etc.).
- Advise City Council on environmental best practices.
- Continue to advise City Council on Waste Reduction and Diversion, including Green Bin and organics programs, and advise Council on programs like SK Recycles and Sarcan's new flexible plastic, styrofoam, and non-deposit glass program.
- Advise City Council on water conservation and quality management (request an update on the water conservation strategy and the smart metering system).
- Continue to advise City Council in their adoption and implementation of the Triple Bottom Line Policy.
- Advise City Council in the sustainable development of new facilities, such as the new central library.
- Instituting change is difficult and changing behaviour even more so. It requires clear, concise, consistent communication. SEAC will encourage and assist city council in developing a broadcast environmental communication plan and

platform to inform, educate and engage all citizens in the merits of changing behaviours that help conserve and protect any and all facets of the environment.

2. Sustainable Growth

- Stay informed on all components of the Plan for Growth and encourage City Council to ensure it is environmentally sustainable.
- Advise on the alignment of building and construction standards with waste, water, transportation, and emissions reduction goals with the upcoming Federal building code update.
- Advise on the protection of natural areas, including the Swales, through initiatives such as the Natural Areas Policy, the Green Infrastructure Strategy, and the Natural Capital Asset Valuation program.
- Provide feedback on the Natural Areas Policy management plans for the Small Swale and Richard St. Barbe areas.
- Provide feedback on management of the current park spaces on naturalizing the areas and adding diverse vegetation.
- Advise City Council on development of the National Urban Park including advising on co-creation with Indigenous communities and integration of traditional ecological knowledge into the planning and management of the park.
- Research and advise on urban heat island effects in development projects and strategies for mitigation.

3. Moving Around Sustainably

- Continue to support the development of a Bus Rapid Transit system and implementation of the Active Transportation Plan, which are critical components of the Saskatoon Low Emissions Community Plan.
- Continue to advise on alternative transportation methods such as development of the electric scooter program.
- Advise on accessibility for sustainable systems.

4. Quality of Life

Sustainability and Health

- Advise City Council on food security and community garden programs.
- Advise City Council on implications of climate change on community health and well-being including research and advise on blue-green infrastructure strategies to enhance community resilience to climate change.
- Research Planetary boundary – if 6 of 9 boundaries have been crossed, what will that mean for the City.
- Advise City Council on sustainability metrics reporting.
- Advise City Council on noise/light/air pollution mitigation.

Community Engagement

- Continue to support community and education initiatives, such as the Student Action for a Sustainable Future program.
- Support the Environmental Cash Grants program.
- Encourage community groups to attend SEAC meetings.
- Arrange for training opportunities in the meetings (i.e., Meewasin presentation, etc.).¹
- Maintain our education-based social media programming including information on the following:
 - Emergency preparedness checklist (storm, fire, water)
 - Water restrictions during a drought
 - Turning lawns to gardens and xeriscape.

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SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 2025 BUDGET - \$7,800.00								
DATE	NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE	GL	TOTAL SPENT	BUDGET REMAINING
		Beginning Balance						\$7,800.00

2024 Budget		
Instagram Post		\$6.29
Instagram Post		\$11.55
Instagram Post		\$4.99
Instagram Post		\$0.24
Instagram Post		\$1.00
Saskatoon Public Schools		\$3,360.00
SOS Trees Soalition		4,000.00
2024 Total		\$7,384.07

2024 Actuals		\$7,384.07
2024 Budget		\$7,800.00
2024 Variance		-\$415.93