



**PUBLIC AGENDA  
SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL  
ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Friday, April 25, 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 March 21, 2025, be approved.

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6. REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE**

**7. Meewasin Valley Authority - Planting Initiatives Presentation**

A presentation will be provided by Manager of Design and Development and Landscape Architect Alan Otterbein of Meewasin Valley Authority.

**Recommendation**

That the information be received.

**8. WORK PLAN CONSIDERATION**

**8.1 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.*

The 2025 Work Plan is provided.

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

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The current Statement of Expenditures is provided.

**Recommendation**

That the information be received.

**10. VERBAL UPDATES**

**10.1 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.*

**Recommendation**

That the information be received.

**10.2 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.*

**10.2.1 Committee Member R. Steeg**

A verbal update will be provided on:

- Climate Adaption Workshop

**Recommendation**

That the information be received.

**10.2.2 Committee Member C. Steele**

A verbal update will be provided on:

- Energy Code Update

**Recommendation**

That the information be received.

**10.3 SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES [CK 375-4]**

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

**10.3.1 Education Subcommittee**

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

**10.3.2 Water Conservation and Quality Management Subcommittee**

*Established to engage with local organizations, community engagement and presentations to the Committee.*

**11. ADJOURNMENT**



## **PUBLIC MINUTES**

### **SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**March 21, 2025, 11:30 a.m.**

**Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall**

**PRESENT:** Angela Spence, Public, Chair  
Robin Steeg, Public, Vice Chair  
Diane Bentley, Public  
Manvi Ghai, Public, via teleconference  
Ian Judd-Henrey, Public  
Erica Maier, Meewasin Valley Authority  
Terry Neefs, Public  
Palash Sanyal, Public, via teleconference  
Colleen Steele, Public, via teleconference  
Siobhan Takala, Public

**ABSENT:** Darren Hill, Saskatchewan Health Authority  
Danielle Kehler, Public

**ALSO PRESENT:** Councillor K. MacDonald  
Director of Building Standards, Kara Fagnou  
Senior Planner, Planning & Development, Lars Ketilson, via teleconference  
Senior Transportation Engineer, Justine Marcoux, via teleconference  
Director of Sustainability, Jeanna South  
Committee Assistant Heather Janzen

#### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

#### **2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA**

**Moved By:** R. Steeg

That the agenda be confirmed as presented.

**CARRIED**

**3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST**

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

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

**Moved By:** I. Judd-Henrey

That the minutes of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on February 21, 2025, be approved.

**CARRIED**

**5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

**6. COMMUNICATIONS**

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

This matter was deferred to the March meeting of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee.

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

Renny Grilz was in attendance and spoke to the Committee on the funding request and responded to questions of the Committee regarding data, supplies, and annual costs.

Director of Sustainability South also responded to questions of the Committee.

**Moved By:** I. Judd-Henrey

That the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee approve funding in the amount of \$2,000.00.

**CARRIED**

**Moved By:** D. Bentley

That the Chair be in contact with the organization for a follow up report or a presentation once the project is underway.

**CARRIED**

## **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.*

No update was provided.

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

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#### **7.2.1 2023 Climate Action Progress Report [EUCS2024-1201]**

At its meeting held on January 24, 2025, the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee discussed possibly receiving an update on this matter for new Committee members.

This report was provided for the Committee's information.

Project Manager Akins presented the report with a PowerPoint. Together with Education and Environmental Performance Manager Weckworth and Director of Sustainability they responded to questions of the Committee regarding supporting green network goals, targets and engagement.

**Moved By:** S. Takala

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

#### **7.2.2 Director of Building Standards, Kara Fagnou - Energy Code Changes**

Director of Building Standards Fagnou provided an update to the Committee on the provincial change, to revert to Tier 1 of the Energy Code requirements for new home construction. Provincial changes are expected to come into effect in April. Building Standards is engaging with stakeholders to consider an option to continue to regulate to Tier 2 through the City of Saskatoon Building Bylaw.

Together with Education and Environmental Performance Manager Weckworth they responded to questions of Committee.

**Moved By:** R. Steeg

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

### **7.3 SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES [CK 375-4]**

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#### **7.3.1 Education Subcommittee**

No update was provided.

#### **7.3.2 Water Conservation and Quality Management Subcommittee**

No update was provided.

### **8. REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE**

### **9. WORK PLAN CONSIDERATION**

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

The current Statement of Expenditures was provided.

**Moved By:** D. Bentley

That the information be received.

**CARRIED**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 1:15 p.m.

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A. Spence, Chair

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H. Janzen, Committee Assistant



## **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.).
- 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.

SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE - 2025 BUDGET - \$7,800.00								
DATE	NUMBER	DESCRIPTION	DEBIT	CREDIT	BALANCE	GL	TOTAL SPENT	BUDGET REMAINING
		Beginning Balance						<b>\$7,800.00</b>
March 21, 2025		Native Plant Society of Saskatchewan	\$2,000.00				\$2,000.00	\$5,800.00

<b>2024 Budget</b>		
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
<b>2024 Total</b>		<b>\$7,384.07</b>
<b>2024 Actuals</b>		<b>\$7,384.07</b>
<b>2024 Budget</b>		<b>\$7,800.00</b>
<b>2024 Variance</b>		<b>-\$415.93</b>