



PUBLIC MINUTES

SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

November 29, 2024, 11:30 a.m.

Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

PRESENT: Angela Spence, Public, Chair, via teleconference
Diane Bentley, Public, A/Chair
Manvi Ghai, Public, via teleconference
Carmen Gilmore, Public
Erica Maier, Meewasin Valley Authority
Terry Neefs, Public
Palash Sanyal, Public, via teleconference
Matthew Shumaker, Saskatchewan Health Authority

ABSENT: Danielle Kehler, Public
Robin Steeg, Public

ALSO PRESENT: Environment Projects and Protection Manager, Dan Gauthier
Senior Planner, Planning & Development, Lars Ketilson
Director of Transportation, Jay Magus
Director of Sustainability, Jeanna South
Committee Assistant Heather Janzen

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

It was noted that Chair Spence was online, therefore, unable to Chair the meeting. Committee member Diane Bentley was acting Chair.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: M. Shumaker

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: C. Gilmore

That the minutes of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on September 20, 2024, be approved.

CARRIED

5. COMMUNICATIONS

5.1 SOS Trees Coalition

A letter from Linda Moskalyk, SOS Trees Coalition, was provided regarding a funding request.

The Committee discussed the funding request and a progress report for the project. Director of Sustainability South responded to questions of the Committee.

Moved By: C. Gilmore

That the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee approve the funding request from SOS Trees Coalition in the amount of \$4,000.00, with the understanding that SOS Trees Coalition provide a progress report and an annual report for the year 2025 and that they are in compliance with the City of Saskatoon regulations.

CARRIED

5.2 Saskatoon Public Schools

A letter from Samantha Gunn, Saskatoon Public Schools, dated October 18, 2024, was provided regarding a funding request.

The Committee discussed the funding request, the weekly pickup cost, composting at all schools, and the long-term plan for the program. Director of Sustainability South, Environment Projects and Protection Manager Gauthier responded to questions of the Committee regarding bylaw requirements and residential organics.

Moved By: C. Gilmore

That the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee approve the funding request from Saskatoon Public Schools in the amount of \$3,360.00 with the expectation that Saskatoon Public Schools report back to the Committee with an update on the program and a comparative cost analysis.

CARRIED

6. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

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]

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

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

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

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.

10. ANNUAL REPORT

In accordance with the Committee's Terms of Reference, it shall submit an annual report outlining the year's accomplishments and a work plan for the upcoming year.

The Committee discussed the draft 2024 Annual Report, which was provided.

Moved By: T. Neefs

That the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee approve its 2024 Annual Report for submission to City Council through the Standing Policy Committee on Environmental, Utilities & Corporate Services.

CARRIED

11. BUDGET - STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES FOR 2024 [CK 1704-5]

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

The Committee discussed their 2025 budget and funding initiatives.

Moved By: C. Gilmore

That the information be received.

CARRIED

12. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:19 p.m.

D. Bentley, A/Chair

H. Janzen, Committee Assistant