



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]

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.

7.2.1 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

10. WORK PLAN CONSIDERATION

**10.1 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.

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 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