



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]

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 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]

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. 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.

A. Spence, Chair

H. Janzen, Committee Assistant