



PUBLIC MINUTES

SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

May 16, 2025, 11:30 a.m.

Committee Room E, Ground Floor, City Hall

PRESENT: Angela Spence, Public, Chair
Diane Bentley, Public
Manvi Ghai, Public, at 11:33 a.m.
Ian Judd-Henrey, Public
Erica Maier, Meewasin Valley Authority, via teleconference
Terry Neefs, Public
Palash Sanyal, Public, via teleconference at 11:33 a.m.

ABSENT: Colleen Steele, Public
Siobhan Takala, Public

ALSO PRESENT: Councillor K. MacDonald
Senior Planner, Planning & Development, Lars Ketilson, via teleconference at 11:38 a.m.
Senior Transportation Engineer, Justine Marcoux, via teleconference
Director of Sustainability, Jeanna South
Environmental Operations Manager, Brock Storey, via teleconference
Committee Assistant Kristina Sipes
Committee Assistant M. Lasby

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

Item 2 was considered next.

1.1 Appointment of Vice-Chair

The Commission was requested to appoint a Vice-Chair for the remainder of 2025.

Robin Steeg was Vice-Chair from January to April 2025.

Manvi Ghai and Palash Sanyal entered the meeting at 11:33 a.m.

Diane Bentley nominated Manvi Ghai as Vice Chair.

Moved By: D. Bentley

That the Committee appoint Manvi Ghai as Vice-Chair for the remainder of 2025.

CARRIED

Item 3 was considered next.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: I. Judd-Henrey

1. That the report 2023-2024 Integrated Waste Management Report and 2026-2027 Work Plan for the Solid Waste Reduction and Diversion Plan be added as item 6.1; and
2. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

CARRIED

Item 1.1 was considered next.

3. DECLARATION OF CONFLICT OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of conflict of interest.

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

Moved By: P. Sanyal

That the minutes of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee meeting held on April 25, 2025, be approved.

CARRIED

5. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

6. REFERRALS FROM COUNCIL OR COMMITTEE

6.1 2023-2024 Integrated Waste Management Report and 2026-2027 Work Plan for the Solid Waste Reduction and Diversion Plan [EUCS2023-0604]

The Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services, at its meeting held on May 6, 2025, considered the following

item and resolved in part that the report be forwarded to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for information.

Administration was in attendance to speak to the matter.

Senior Planner, Planning & Development Ketilson joined the meeting at 11:38 a.m. via teleconference.

Sustainability Project Manager Brodie presented the report with a PowerPoint and along with Educational and Environmental Performance Manager Burns and Environmental Operations Manager Storey responded to questions of Committee.

Key topics of discussion included improving landfill space through compaction and potential shredding equipment, challenges with recycling accessibility, and plans for SK Recycles to take over certain programs by 2027. Emphasis was placed on public education to improve participation, especially around organics and food waste. Administration highlighted progress made through recent initiatives like curbside organics and Industrial, Commercial and Institutional Waste (ICI) bylaws, while noting the need for better data collection, public engagement, and phased implementation of the updated waste diversion plan.

Moved By: I. Judd-Henrey

That the information be received.

CARRIED

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

The Statement of Expenditures was provided.

9. VERBAL UPDATES

Moved By: D. Bentley

That the verbal updates included in Items 9.1 to 9.3 received as information.

CARRIED

9.1 REPORT OF THE CHAIR [CK 175-9]

Chair Angela Spence provided a verbal update on the following:

- Danielle Kehler resigned from the Committee.

- Saskatchewan Health Authority Representative Darren Hill resigned from the Committee. Saskatchewan Health Authority will advise on the appointment of a new representative.
- *ClimateWest 2025 Forum: Climate Resilient Futures* takes place June 17-18, 2025, at the Sheraton Cavalier Saskatoon Hotel and online.
- The Standing Policy Committee on Planning, Development, and Community Services did not refer the report, *Energy Regulation Options for Building Standards*, to the Committee; however, the Committee can submit a letter in support of the recommendation to City Council for the Regular Business Meeting schedule May 21st, 2025. The deadline for submission is Monday, May 19th at 5:00 p.m.

Moved By: I. Judd-Henrey

That the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee submit a letter of support to City Council on the Energy Regulation Options for Building Standards report recommendations.

CARRIED

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

9.2.1 Sustainability Specialist G. Russell

A verbal update was provided on:

- The Water Conservation Program and Communications Plan.

The Committee heard from Sustainability Specialist Russell on progress in Saskatoon's Water Conservation Program, including public education, social media, event outreach, and increased use of rain barrel rebates.

9.2.2 Sustainability Project Manager J. Best

A verbal update was provided on:

- Indigenous Land Use Foundations Project.

The Committee heard from Sustainability Project Manager Best on the Indigenous Land Use Foundations Project, which focuses on

cultural access, removing systemic barriers, and integrating Indigenous perspectives in urban planning. The project is in the scoping phase, with findings to be presented to Council later this year, pending approvals and funding.

Palash Sanyal excused himself from the meeting at 12:31 p.m.

9.2.3 Director of Indigenous Initiatives M. Cote

A verbal update was provided on:

- Indigenous Cultural Spaces Project.

The Committee heard from the Director of Indigenous Initiatives Cote on early efforts to create urban cultural spaces in Saskatoon with several community partners. Since March 2023, gatherings with elders, youth, and knowledge keepers have focused on cultural revitalization and land access. A report on site selection, governance, and funding will go to the Governance and Priorities Committee at a future date. The Committee discussed youth engagement, Indigenous ownership, privacy, and respectful information sharing.

9.3 SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES [CK 375-4]

9.3.1 Education Subcommittee

A proposal from the Education Subcommittee is forthcoming.

The Education Subcommittee discussed plans regarding a proposal for an information booth. The booth would promote environmental and climate awareness at the University of Saskatchewan Welcome Week. Members were encouraged to volunteer.

Administration advised that requests for existing materials and promotional items should be directed through the Committee Assistant. Materials created by the Subcommittee can be printed through the internal Print Shop, and rates will be shared with the Subcommittee to assist with budget planning.

The Committee discussed outreach to schools, City events, and social media. A test budget may be proposed due to platform limits on climate content.

9.3.2 Water Conservation and Quality Management Subcommittee

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 12:51 p.m.

A. Spence, Chair

K. Sipes, Committee Assistant