

March 1, 2017

Secretary, Standing Policy Committee on  
Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services

Dear Secretary:

**Re: 2017 Goals & Objectives – Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC) [CK. 175-9]**

The Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee at its meeting held on February 9, 2017 approved for submission its 2017 Goals & Objectives to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services.

The Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee has provided advocacy and support for City of Saskatoon initiatives related to climate change mitigation and adaptation. The Committee acknowledges the work undertaken to date as part of the Covenant of Mayors (previously Compact of Mayors), including the completion of a comprehensive community greenhouse gas emissions inventory. The Committee looks forward to the development of a climate change action strategy as part of the City of Saskatoon's commitment toward the Covenant.

In 2017, SEAC has the following goals:

1. Support the City in the development of appropriate emissions' targets for community-wide greenhouse gas emissions reductions, including through engagement with expert stakeholders.
2. Advocate for the development of municipal practices and policies that support emissions reductions in the following domains:
  - (a) building codes
  - (b) energy efficiency including renewable energy programs, such as the Solar City project
  - (c) waste diversion, including city-wide organics diversion
  - (d) transportation
  - (e) other areas arising from target setting
3. In recognition of the role of public education and communication in achieving these goals, SEAC will continue to work towards the spring 2017 release of a short animated video on climate change in Saskatoon. Additionally, the Committee will continue to support the work of the partnership program Student Action for a Sustainable Future.

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4. Given their public value as carbon sinks and how they support climate resiliency, SEAC supports biodiversity and green spaces such as Meewasin.

The Committee respectfully requests the above matter be considered at the March 13, 2017 meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services and also respectfully requests to speak.

Yours truly,



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