



STANDING POLICY COMMITTEE ON ENVIRONMENT, UTILITIES & CORPORATE SERVICES

Facilitating Solar Energy Opportunities in Saskatoon

Recommendation of the Committee

1. That Administration report back in 2018 on developing solar projects on civic lands, buildings and city-owned properties, such as rights-of-way and under-utilized sites;
2. That Administration report back in 2018 on addressing barriers to solar uptake and facilitating solar opportunities including: green revolving funds, lack of protection for solar access, insufficient rooftop strength, building permits, virtual metering and policy implications;
3. That Administration append the Saskatchewan Environmental Society's (SES) letter to this file for comments to be incorporated in further reporting;
4. That the report of the Acting General Manager, Corporate Performance, dated November 6, 2017, be forwarded to the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee for information;
5. That Administration report on how the City will address the potential impacts of protection of solar access for both residential and commercial properties;
6. That letters be sent to SUMA, SaskPower and relevant Ministers advocating for amendments to *The Cities Act* to allow for PACE and other financing options that can facilitate renewable energy development in Saskatchewan;
7. That these reports be sent to SaskPower and invite them into a dialogue about how to work together to overcome the obstacles and maximize opportunities for Solar Power development in Saskatoon; and
8. That this file be attached to the previous report on Solar Power and be forwarded to SREDA.

History

At the November 6, 2017 Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services meeting, a report of the A/General Manager, Corporate Performance Department, dated November 6, 2017 was considered.

Your Committee also received presentations on this matter from:

- Ms. Angie Bugg and Mr. Brian Sawatzky, Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee
- Mr. Peter Prebble, Saskatchewan Environmental Society



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Attachment

1. November 6, 2017 Report of the A/General Manager, Corporate Performance.
2. Letter – Peter Prebble, Saskatchewan Environmental Society.