February 9, 2018

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

Dear Secretary:

Re: 2018 Goals & Objectives – Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee (SEAC) [CK. 175-9]

The Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee at its meeting held on February 8, 2018 approved for submission its 2018 Goals & Objectives to the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services.

The Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee has continued to provide advocacy and support for City of Saskatoon initiatives related to climate change mitigation and adaptation. We acknowledge the work undertaken to date as part of the Covenant of Mayors, including the adoption of a community-wide greenhouse gas reduction target of 80% by 2050 (2014 baseline) and commencing engagement with the public to meet this target.

The Committee looks forward to the continued development of a climate change action strategy as part of the City of Saskatoon’s commitment towards the Covenant. The Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee recognizes that changes towards a healthy, vibrant Saskatoon will be achieved through environmental, social, and economic sustainability for all citizens.

In 2018, SEAC will:

1. Support City Council and hold them accountable to meet the approved community-wide greenhouse gas and other performance targets.

2. Support and challenge City Administration in the development of plans, programs, and policies in order to meet greenhouse gas and other performance targets, including through stakeholder engagement.

3. Advocate for the development of municipal practices and policies that support emissions reductions, in the following domains:
   a. waste diversion, including city-wide organics diversion
   b. building codes
   c. energy efficiency
   d. renewable energy
   e. public and alternative transportation
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f. active transportation, including well-connected infrastructure
g. green infrastructure asset management
h. other areas arising from target setting

4. In addition to regular engagement with Environmental & Corporate Initiatives Division, seek to regularly be present and engage the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities, and Corporate Services; City Council; and invite updates from the Planning & Development and Transportation Divisions as related to our stated goals.

5. In recognition of the role of public education and communication in achieving these goals, SEAC will continue to promote our animated video on climate change as a municipal issue, and plan for further engagement.

6. SEAC will continue to support the work of Student Action for a Sustainable Future (SASF).

The Committee respectively requests the above matter be considered at the March 12, 2018 meeting of the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services and also respectively requests to speak.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

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