

Outstanding Resolutions

The following list of resolutions are addressed in full or in part through the reports being presented to the August 6, 2019 Standing Policy Committee meeting for Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services (SPC - EUCS) including:

- The Low Emissions Community Plan Decision Report
- The Low Emissions Community Plan (Full Report)
- 2020-2021 Climate Change Mitigation Initiatives Decision Report
- Solar Energy Uptake Opportunities – Status and Challenges Approval Report

Financing Tools for Climate Change

On November 19, 2018, after City Council received an update on the Low Emissions Community Plan (called the Recommendations Report), in response to a motion by Councillor Gough, City Council resolved:

“That the Administration report through the Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities and Corporate Services on some of the strategic prioritization and financing tools available to support the future implementation plan for the Low Emissions Community Plan.”

This is addressed in the Low Emissions Community Plan (LEC) Plan through an analysis of financing tools available to support implementation and through the Preliminary Low Emissions Community Plan Initiatives Report which explores a funding option called the Green Revolving Fund.

Saskatchewan Environment Society Letter Response

City Council, at its Regular Business Meeting held on January 25, 2016, considered the Municipal Greenhouse Gas Emissions Reduction Strategy – Response to Saskatchewan Environmental Society Letter report; and resolved, in part:

- “1. That City Council write to the Provincial Government to discuss opportunities to partner to achieve the goal of 50 percent renewal energy by 2030;
2. That the Administration report on emerging opportunities to facilitate large and small solar energy opportunities in Saskatoon on City or privately-owned land; and
3. That City Council correspond with SGI to inquire about the possibility of vehicle emission testing.”

Regarding writing to the Provincial Government: This may no longer be necessary as SaskPower has now adopted a 50% renewable energy target by 2030 and is actively pursuing renewables in their jurisdiction to meet this target.

Regarding reporting on emerging opportunities to facilitate solar: This is addressed in the LEC Plan which recommends many actions regarding renewable energy generation

including solar within the City boundary. Further consultations with SaskPower will be required once renewable energy generation actions have been approved and funded. These consultations with the Province will be ongoing throughout the detailed design and feasibility study phases of the energy generation actions. The upcoming Solar Energy Uptake Opportunities – Status and Challenges Approval Report will provide further details on the background work and implementation considerations for solar opportunities. Development of a solar strategy could be a preliminary initiative in 2020-2021 subject to funding approval.

Regarding inquiries to Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) on vehicle emission testing - to Administration's knowledge, no inquiries with SGI have been made on this initiative as it is not included in the LEC Plan. The LEC Plan recommendations go a step further by encouraging Electric Vehicle adoption in the long term.

Energy Efficient Retrofit Program

City Council, at its April 25, 2016 meeting, resolved:

- “1. That the Administration report further about options for an Energy Efficiency Retrofit Program; and
2. That the Administration undertake consultation with potential partners in developing the options for this program.”

These are addressed in the LEC Plan through multiple actions aimed at encouraging or requiring retrofits to municipal, residential, and Industrial, Commercial and Institutional buildings. Detailed design for programming will be required. Options such as Property Assessed Clean Energy (PACE) will be further explained in the subsequent Solar Energy Uptake Opportunities – Status and Challenges Approval Report.

Vehicle Idling

At the June 23, 2017 Meeting of Council, in response to a letter from Hayley Carlson of the Saskatchewan Environmental Society, City Council resolved, in part:

- “1. That further public consultation be referred to the climate change mitigation business plan for engagement plan development.
2. That the Administration undertake preliminary engagement primary stakeholders, including education and health institutions, to gauge initial impressions and feedback on any proposed private vehicle idling initiatives. Any budget implications should be included in the 2018 Business Plan and Budget deliberations.”

There are no specific actions for anti-idling for private vehicles in the LEC Plan, and no specific consultation was done on this topic. However, the LEC Plan recommends going a step further with actions related to encouraging electric vehicle adoption, by recommending that a long term Electric Vehicle (EV) adoption strategy be developed which will include consultation on the EV strategy and potentially on anti-idling.

Initiatives to Support Energy-Efficient Building Standards in Residential Construction

At the August 15, 2017 meeting of Standing Policy Committee on Environment, Utilities & Corporate Services, the Committee expressed interest in seeing what other municipalities have in place with regards to adopting aggressive energy-efficient building codes. This was in response to Mr. Sawatzky presenting information.

At the same meeting, the Director of Building Standards addressed questions regarding the adoption of a new National Building Code which had specific energy efficient requirements for new residential buildings that went into effect January 1, 2019.

In addition, the LEC Plan includes a variety of initiatives around municipal step codes, energy labelling, and PACE financing. These actions were included based on research from programs in other municipalities including municipalities within British Columbia, Alberta, Ontario and Prince Edward Island.