



**PUBLIC MINUTES
SASKATOON ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Thursday, March 12, 2015, at 11:34 a.m.
Committee Room "A", City Hall**

PRESENT: Dr. Michael Hill, Chair
Ms. K. Aikens, Vice-Chair
Councillor M. Loewen
Ms. A. Bugg
Mr. B. Sawatzky
Ms. N. Kochar
Mr. B. Latimer
Dr. S. Moshiri
Ms. A. Garg

ALSO PRESENT: Director of Environmental and Corporate Initiatives B. Wallace
Committee Assistant D. Sackmann

ABSENT: Dr. D. McGrane
Mr. S. Homenick

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Chair called the meeting to order.

2. CONFIRMATION OF AGENDA

Moved By: Ms. Aikens

That the agenda be amended as follows:

1. That the agenda be amended by adding the discussion on Greenhouse Gas Emissions as item 8; and
2. That the agenda be confirmed as amended.

CARRIED

3. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Moved By: Ms. Bugg

That the minutes of the Saskatoon Environmental Advisory Committee held on February 12, 2015 be amended as follows:

1. That under 5.1 the second bullet read "A Waste Diversion Survey Request for Proposal" and not "A Waste Diversion Request for Proposal" as stated; and
2. That the minutes be adopted as amended.

CARRIED

4. REPORT OF THE CHAIR (File No. CK. 175-9)

The Chair confirmed with the members their receipt of an email forwarded from the Director of Environmental and Corporate Initiatives confirming the Committee's willingness to help facilitate the stakeholder consultations on the Performance Targets as discussed in October. The Chair stated that he would like to re-invite the Administration to the Committee's April meeting to provide their update on the Dark Sky Initiative. In addition, a thank-you was extended to Ms. Aikens for chairing the February Committee meeting.

Councillor Loewen and Mr. Latimer entered the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Moved By: Dr. Moshiri

That the information be received

CARRIED

5. SASKATCHEWAN CITIZENS' HEARINGS ON CLIMATE CHANGE (File No. CK. 375-5)

Mark Bigland-Pritchard, Peter Prebble, Sarina Gersher, Darrin Qualman and Bonnie Laurence, representing members of the Organizing Committee of the Citizens' Hearings on Climate Change were in attendance. The group presented the Committee with a power point presentation on the above mentioned and answered subsequent questions of the Committee.

The Citizens' group informed the Committee that climate change is primarily caused by greenhouse gas emissions associated with fossil fuel consumption; along with human-produced greenhouse gas emissions. Fossil fuel use must be replaced with clean renewable energy sources. The group would like to see climate change addressed at a municipal level and provided the Committee with a list of recommendations from the final report of the Citizens' Hearings.

Both hard copies and a link for an electronic version of the Final Report of the Citizens' Hearings on Climate Change were provided to the Committee prior to the meeting.

Moved By: Mr. Sawatzky

That the information be received

CARRIED

**6. NORTHEAST SWALE MASTER PLAN – MEEWASIN VALLEY AUTHORITY
(File No. CK. 4131-5)**

Alan Otterbein, Nola Stein and Sarina Gersher, representing the Meewasin Valley Authority were in attendance and presented the Committee with a power point presentation on the above mentioned master plan.

The Committee was informed that the majority of the Swale is currently owned by the City of Saskatoon. The objective of the Master Plan is to design the physical space, including pathways and amenities in such a way that it supports resource management, education and recreation uses consistent with Meewasin's Strategic Plan, *the Northeast Swale Resource Management Plan* and the Northeast Swale Development Guidelines.

Discussion followed and Mr. Otterbein and Ms. Gersher answered questions put forth by Committee members.

Moved By: Dr. Hill

That the information be received.

CARRIED

7. REPORTS FROM ADMINISTRATION

7.1 Environmental and Corporate Initiatives Update (File No. CK. 7550-1)

Environmental and Corporate Initiatives Director Wallace was in attendance and confirmed with the Committee their prior resolution to help facilitate the stakeholder consultations on the Performance Targets as discussed at the Committee's October meeting. The Committee agreed to help facilitate the consultations and it was determined that the consultations would be held March 30, 2015. The Committee agreed to allocate \$500 from their 2015 budget toward the cost of providing a lunch for hosting the above mentioned event.

Ms. Kochar departed the meeting at 1:01 p.m.

Discussion followed.

Moved By: Ms. Bugg

That the information be received.

CARRIED

8. GREENHOUSE GAS EMISSIONS DISCUSSION (File No. CK. 375-4)

Members of the Committee met informally to discuss the priority goal of reducing Greenhouse Gas emissions in Saskatoon. A list of proposed items to be addressed by the Committee was briefly read out loud to the Committee as a whole. The Committee determined that further discussion is required on the matter and that the item be added to the Committee's April agenda.

Moved By: Ms. Aikens

CARRIED

9. STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES (File No. CK.1704-5)

The Committee Assistant submitted the current Statement of Expenditures for the Committee's review. It was determined that further budget discussion is required and that the item be added to the Committee's April agenda.

Moved By: Dr. Moshiri

That the information be received.

CARRIED

10. ADJOURNMENT

Moved By: Ms. Aikens

That the meeting be adjourned.

CARRIED

The meeting adjourned at 1:01 p.m.

Dr. Michael Hill, Chair