



ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Thursday, June 27, 2013
6:00 PM**

Larry Schneider Board Room, Main Floor, City Hall



**Public Agenda
Environment Advisory Committee
Thursday, June 27, 2013**

Approval of Public Agenda

Minutes of the meeting held on May 2, 2013.

Communications

EAC13-12 Communication and Education

Recommendation

This communication be received and filed.

EAC13-13 FCM Sustainable Communities Awards

Recommendation

This communication be received and filed.

EAC13-14 Public Works Committee: 2012 EAC Annual Report

Recommendation

This communication be received and filed.

Adjournment

AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, THURSDAY, MAY 2, 2013

AT A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE
HELD IN PUBLIC SESSION

AT 5:30 PM

These are considered a draft rendering of the official minutes. Official minutes can be obtained through the Office of the City Clerk once approved.

Present: Michael Berry, in the Chair
Jason Ash
Lyle Benko
Jocelyn Crivea
Norm Henderson
Sharon Rodenbush
Sarah Turnbull
Chris Yost

Regrets: Councillor Shawn Fraser
Deanna Trowsdale Mutafov
Adam Sperling

Also in Attendance: Committee Assistant, Elaine Gohlke
Manager, Winter District Maintenance, Chris Warren
Manager, Parks Maintenance, Charmaine Neufeld
Sustainability Outreach Coordinator, Sheri Birkeland

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC AGENDA

Sarah Turnbull moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the agenda for this meeting be approved, as submitted, with the items to be considered in the order they are called by the Chairperson.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Lyle Benko moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the minutes for the meeting held on April 4, 2013 be adopted.

(The meeting commenced in the absence of Chris Yost.)

COMMUNICATION

EAC13-9 Bike Regina Presentation and Request

Recommendation

This communication be received and filed.

Chris Warren, Manager of Winter District Maintenance and Charmaine Neufeld, Manager of Parks Maintenance, made presentations to the Committee.

(Chris Yost arrived during the presentation.)

Sarah Turnbull moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that this matter be tabled for further discussion and consideration after item #EAC13-6.

RECESS

Sarah Turnbull moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the Committee recess for five minutes.

The Committee recessed at 6:25 p.m.

The Committee reconvened at 6:33 p.m.

TABLED COMMUNICATION

EAC13-6 Official Community Plan 2013 Update (Tabled April 4, 2013)

Recommendation

This communication be received and filed.

Sheri Birkeland, Sustainability Outreach Co-ordinator, made a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is on file in the City Clerk's Office.

Jason Ash moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that this communication be received and filed.

COMMUNICATIONS

EAC13-9 Bike Regina Presentation and Request

Recommendation

This communication be received and filed.

Jason Ash moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that a working group consisting of Sarah Turnbull, Jason Ash and Michael Berry examine concerns regarding Regina's multi-use pathways, specifically issues surrounding maintenance, development and policies for year-round use, and report to a fall meeting of the Committee with advice or potential recommendations for Public Works Committee.

EAC13-10 Overview of Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council Forum

Recommendation

This communication be received and filed.

Jocelyn Crivea moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that this communication be received and filed.

EAC13-11 Monthly Review of the Environment Advisory Committee Work Plan

Recommendation

This communication be received and filed.

Lyle Benko moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that this communication be received and filed.

ADJOURNMENT

Sarah Turnbull moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary

June 27, 2013

To: Members,
Environment Advisory Committee

Re: Communication and Education

In carrying out its role as an advisory committee to City Council, the Terms of Reference for the Environment Advisory Committee state that it will:

- receive submissions and/or delegations regarding any environmental concerns;
- advise and make recommendations on ways to increase awareness of City environmental policies, programs and bylaws, and issues which have an environmental impact; and
- advise Council or the Administration regarding recruiting and utilizing volunteers to promote enhanced environmental practices.

In addition, the Committee's Work Plan includes "education and communication" as an important component.

Through various presentations and subject areas that the Committee has considered over the past few years, the significance of education and communication has consistently come up as being imperative to achieving public engagement in sound environmental management.

To be more fully informed with respect to the City's communication approaches and strategies, a representative from the City's Communications Department will be present to provide an overview of the department, as well as to answer questions of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Elaine Gohlke, Secretary
Environment Advisory Committee

June 27, 2013

To: Members,
Environment Advisory Committee

Re: FCM Sustainable Communities Awards

Each year FCM offers national recognition for projects that demonstrate environmental responsibility and excellence in the form of their Sustainable Communities Awards. Eligible submissions must meet the criteria of initiatives that take a holistic, systems approach to sustainable community development and initiatives that demonstrate innovation and excellence in one of the six award categories: brownfields, energy, neighbourhood development, transportation, waste and water. The awards are open to municipal governments and their private-sector partners. Joint submissions are welcome and municipalities of all population sizes are encouraged to apply.

A committee member has requested further discussion on whether the recent "roll-out" of the Blue Bins should be nominated under the Waste category which considers "Municipally led projects or programs that focus on reducing, diverting and managing waste. Eligible initiatives include recycling programs, composting programs, landfill gas management initiatives (e.g. capture, containment, flaring, etc.), energy production from landfill gas, and waste-to-energy projects." Would Environment Advisory Committee be interested in being the initiator of the nomination? The purpose of this communication is to facilitate further discussion about the awards.

Respectfully submitted,



Elaine Gohlke, Secretary
Environment Advisory Committee

May 10, 2013


To: Members,
Environment Advisory Committee

Re: Environment Advisory Committee - 2012 Annual Report

The Public Works Committee, at its meeting held on May 9, 2013 considered the above-noted report from the Environment Advisory Committee and adopted the following resolution:

"That the 2012 Annual Report for the Environment Advisory Committee be approved."

Yours truly,


Elaine Gohlke, Secretary
Public Works Committee