



ENVIRONMENT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**Thursday, May 2, 2013
5:30 PM**

Larry Schneider Board Room, Main Floor, City Hall



**Public Agenda
Environment Advisory Committee
Thursday, May 2, 2013**

Approval of Public Agenda

Minutes of the meeting held on April 4, 2013.

Tabled Communication

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

Recommendation

This communication be received and filed.

Communications

EAC13-9 Bike Regina Presentation and Request

Recommendation

This communication be received and filed.

EAC13-10 Overview of Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council Forum

Recommendation

This communication be received and filed.

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

Recommendation

This communication be received and filed.

Adjournment

AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, THURSDAY, APRIL 4, 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
Councillor Shawn Fraser
Lyle Benko
Jocelyn Crivea
Norm Henderson
Sharon Rodenbush
Adam Sperling

Regrets: Jason Ash, Deanna Trowsdale-Mutafov, Sarah Turnbull and Chris Yost

Also in Attendance: Committee Assistant, Elaine Gohlke
Deputy City Clerk, Amber Smale

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC AGENDA

Sharon Rodenbush moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the agenda for this meeting be approved, as submitted.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Lyle Benko moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the minutes for the meeting held on March 14, 2013 be adopted.

COMMUNICATIONS

EAC13-5 Bike Regina - Presentation

Recommendation

This communication be received and filed.

Cate Hyndman and Sara Maria, representing Bike Regina, addressed the Committee.

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

EAC13-6 Official Community Plan 2013 Update

Recommendation

This communication be received and filed.

Jocelyn Crivea moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that this communication be tabled to the May 2 meeting of the Environment Advisory Committee.

EAC13-7 Water Quality and Chemical Use on Land

Recommendation

This communication be received and filed.

Sharon Rodenbush moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that a working group consisting of Sharon Rodenbush, Lyle Benko and Jocelyn Crivea be formed to define the scope of a potential panel related to this subject, as well as to identify panel participants.

EAC13-8 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

Norm Henderson moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary



City of Regina

Memo

April 4, 2013

To: Environment Advisory Committee

Re: Official Community Plan 2013 Update

RECOMMENDATION

That this communication be received and filed.

BACKGROUND

The process to develop a new Official Community Plan (OCP) is in the final phase. Design Regina will replace the current OCP and will be the city's plan for guiding growth, development and change for the next 25 years. As such, the Plan will provide a city-wide policy framework that guides decisions on investments, services and actions.

The Administration will be giving an OCP update presentation to the committee to provide an overview of the final phase of work coming up in 2013, including opportunities for stakeholder and public input into OCP policy.

Sincerely,

Kim Sare, Project Manager
Official Community Plan Project

May 2, 2013

To: Members,
Environment Advisory Committee

Re: Bike Regina Presentation and Request

At the April 4, 2013 meeting of the Environment Advisory Committee, Cate Hydeman and Sara Maria, members of the Board of Directors for Bike Regina, made a presentation to Committee regarding winter maintenance of roadways and pathways used by cyclists and other winter recreational enthusiasts. After their presentation, Ms. Hydeman and Ms. Maria requested the Committee's support for the reallocation of City resources to ensure that "cycling and alternative modes of transportation and recreation are safe and enjoyable for Regina's citizens". Their three "key asks" were set out in a letter to the Committee which is attached as Appendix "A" to this communication.

To be more fully informed with respect to the City's winter maintenance policy for roadways and pathways, the Committee requested that City Administration be invited to the May 2 meeting to provide further information in this regard. Members of Administration from winter road maintenance and parks maintenance will be present to provide further information, as well as answer questions of the Committee.

Respectfully submitted,



Elaine Gohlke, Secretary
Environment Advisory Committee



Members of Environment Advisory Committee

City of Regina

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Regina, SK, S4P 3C8

Dear Members:

With the anticipated 2013 completion, approval and funding of the Official Community Plan (OCP) and Transportation Master Plan (TMP), the Regina City Council and Administration will take necessary steps in fulfilling a Priority of the OCP to "Create Better, More Active Ways of Getting Around". Further, as outlined in the Council-approved Transportation Directions for the TMP, it is the City's intention to "offer a range of sustainable transportation choices for all" and "promote active transportation for healthier communities".

Prior to the approval of these plans, however, the City can take significant steps to demonstrate their commitment to active transportation. This winter's heavy snowfall accumulation afforded us an opportunity to identify areas of improvement to move the current level of service from good to excellent. As such, we urge the Environment Advisory Committee to support reallocation of resources to ensure that cycling and alternative modes of transportation and recreation are safe and enjoyable for Regina's citizens. In particular, we request the following investments be made for current cycling infrastructure maintenance:

1. **Update to "Winter Maintenance Policy"** to:
 - a. include on-street bikeways and off-street pathways as Category 1 priority; and
 - b. assign and enforce snow routes.

This update will not only positively impact cyclists who already choose to cycle throughout the winter, but provide year-round access for all potential Multi-use Pathway (MUP) users including walking commuters, runners, students, dog-walkers, families, skiers, playground-bound children, etc. Further, enhanced winter maintenance of suburban MUPs increases the ability for residents to participate in and enjoy their community. A **designated crew** to fulfill this priority to snow-clearing the MUP and its underpasses will assure Regina citizens the level of service is consistent and that their primary transportation and



recreational routes are always available.

Snow routes will permit a higher level of service to Regina citizens by City crews being able to undertake thorough curb-to-curb snow removal and ice control along major commuter routes. Further, snow routes along on-street cycling and bus routes within high cycling commuter destinations such as the University of Regina and the Central Business District will create the space for people in cars and people on bikes to share the roadways. Consistent education and enforcement of this policy will be necessary to increase the effectiveness and enhance predictability of roadway condition.

2. **Purchase of equipment** suitable for effectively clearing heavy snow from the MUP network and its underpasses. As discussed above, maintaining the MUP network during winter will improve access for a variety of users and add to the vibrancy of a community. The inability to clear underpasses during regular snow removal and ice control is a major obstacle to ensuring this network is efficient and connected.
3. **Mitigate deficiencies in connectivity** through collaboration with Bike Regina. Our members have spent one year collecting user data and experiences about cycling in Regina. This will be an on-going effort by Bike Regina's Advocacy Committee. We would like the opportunity to identify key locations for spot improvements to be considered prior to the 2013 construction season and moving forward on an annual basis.

We appreciate your support in moving our city forward towards sustainable and integrated transportation for all Regina citizens.

Sincerely,

Cate Hydeman and Sara Maria Daubisse
Bike Regina, Board of Directors

May 2, 2013

To: Members,
Environment Advisory Committee

Re: Overview of Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council Forum

A travel budget was established to allow citizen members of committees to attend conferences and workshops related to the business of the committee. Participation in these types of programs provides members with additional knowledge on the business of the committee as well as the kinds of related activities being undertaken in other cities.

At the March 14 meeting the Committee adopted the following resolution:

“That Mike Berry be authorized to use funds from the 2013 conference travel budget to attend the Saskatchewan Waste Reduction Council Forum in Saskatoon from April 17 to 19, 2013 as a representative of the Environment Advisory Committee, subject to the provisions of the City’s Employee Travel Policy.”

Mr. Berry has recently attended the conference and will provide an overview of the program to committee members.

Respectfully submitted,



Elaine Gohlke, Secretary
Environment Advisory Committee

May 2, 2013

To: Members,
Environment Advisory Committee

Re: Monthly Review of the Environment Advisory Committee Work Plan

Attached to this communication is a copy of the proposed 2013 Work Plan which will be forwarded to Executive Committee for approval. The purpose of this communication is to facilitate a review of the Work Plan and provide an opportunity for further discussion, if required.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Elaine Gohlke".

Elaine Gohlke, Secretary
Environment Advisory Committee

Environment Advisory Committee 2012/13 Work Plan

<i>Deliverable (What)</i>	<i>Action(How)</i>	<i>Resources (Who)</i>	<i>Particpate /Lead</i>	<i>Budget</i>	<i>Start/Complete Date (When)</i>
1. Provide advice and recommendations on reducing Regina's carbon footprint	Be a stakeholder in the Official Community Plan with particular focus on transportation.	All			Ongoing
2. Provide advice and recommendations on solid waste reduction and management	Encourage alternative disposal methods for waste. Encourage packaging reduction.	All			Ongoing
3. Provide advice and recommendations on practices to improve the overall health of the watershed	Investigate options for improving water quality. Investigate options for water conservation.	All			Ongoing
4. Provide advice and recommendations on pesticide use	Environmental due diligence of best practices for pesticide management.	All			Ongoing