

AT REGINA, SASKATCHEWAN, TUESDAY, JULY 17, 2012

AT A MEETING OF THE PUBLIC WORKS COMMITTEE
HELD IN PUBLIC SESSION

AT 4:00 PM

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Present: Councillor Sharron Bryce
Councillor Louis Browne
Councillor Fred Clipsham
Councillor John Findura
Councillor Jocelyn Hutchinson

Also in Attendance: Committee Assistant, Elaine Gohlke
Solicitor, Jayne Krueger
Deputy City Manager, City Operations, Dorian Wandzura
Director of Parks & Open Space, Neil Vandendort
Director of Water and Sewer Services, Stella Madsen

APPROVAL OF PUBLIC AGENDA

Councillor Hutchinson moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the agenda be approved, as submitted, with delegations to be heard at the call of the Chair.

ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Councillor Clipsham moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the minutes for the meeting held on June 19, 2012 be adopted.

PW12-11 Project Management Consulting Services

Recommendation

1. That the Deputy City Manager & COO of City Operations be authorized to initiate the public procurement process to engage professional consulting services to provide project management services, to support and deliver the Utility's Capital Program, as well as some operational initiatives within Water and Sewer Services, as the contract(s) value for consulting services is projected to exceed \$500,000 per contract to a maximum of four (4) contracts.
2. That the authority to award and finalize terms for a consulting services contract(s), after review of proposals from professional consulting firms, be delegated to the Deputy City Manager & COO of City Operations.
3. That the City Clerk be authorized to execute said agreements following review by the City Solicitor.

Councillor Browne moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the recommendations contained in the report be concurred in.

PW12-12 Environment Advisory Committee Supplementary Communication

A communication dated July 17, 2012 from the Environment Advisory Committee was submitted to the Committee.

Mike Berry and Norm Henderson, representing the Environment Advisory Committee, addressed the Committee.

Councillor Browne moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that this communication be received and filed.

PW12-13 Pesticide Reduction - Draft Revised Recommendations

Recommendation

1. The City of Regina adopt a policy of avoiding pesticides for cosmetic or non-essential use in the management of lands owned or administered by the City.
2. The City of Regina encourage Wascana Centre Authority to avoid pesticides for cosmetic or non-essential use in the management of lands under the jurisdiction of Wascana Centre Authority.
3. The City of Regina encourage residents to avoid pesticides for cosmetic or non-essential use on their own lands.
4. The City of Regina undertake a public education campaign on avoiding pesticides for cosmetic or non-essential use.
5. The City of Regina review the pesticide policy and its practices after two years and continue or modify them as appropriate at that time.
6. The City of Regina identify, through conspicuous signage, areas that it has treated with any and all biocides.
7. The City of Regina encourage the Regina Public School Board and the Regina Catholic School Board to avoid pesticides for cosmetic or non-essential use in the management of lands under the jurisdiction of each school board.

The following addressed the Committee:

- Jennifer Milo;
- Krista Anderson, representing Bayer CropScience and Certified Crop Science Consultants;
- Bryce Thompson;
- Nigel Bowles, representing Saskatchewan Nursery Landscape Association;
- Devon Young, representing Weed Man;
- Lucille Bouvier, representing Plant Ranch Garden Centre;
- Al Taylor;

- Paule Hjertaas, representing Saskatchewan Network for Alternatives to Pesticides;
and
- Marlene Macfarlane.

Councillor Clipsham moved that this communication be received and filed.

Councillor Clipsham withdrew his motion to receive and file this communication.

Councillor Clipsham moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that:

This matter be referred to the Administration for a report to a special Public Works meeting to be scheduled in late November 2012, that provides further information on the recommendations made by the Environment Advisory Committee, in particular, adopting a policy of avoiding herbicides, including the following:

1. **Budgetary implications;**
2. **Information on the precautionary approach and how it applies here;**
3. **Information on the former Integrated Pest Management Advisory Committee;**
4. **That Administration contact open space managers at Wascana Centre Authority, the Public School Board and the Catholic School Board for information on their present weed regimes;**
5. **That Administration seek further information on the partnership between the Saskatchewan Environmental Society and the City of Saskatoon with respect to their use of social marketing for pesticide reduction;**
6. **That Administration contact Regina Qu'Appelle Health Region, the Provincial Health Officer, the College of Physicians and Surgeons of Saskatchewan, and the Saskatchewan Watershed Authority for their opinion on the use of pesticides;**
7. **Discussion on how the City's use of pesticides is communicated; and**
8. **That Administration request information from the Pest Management Regulatory Agency regarding scientific information on pesticides.**

ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Clipsham moved, AND IT WAS RESOLVED, that the meeting adjourn.

The meeting adjourned at 9:06 p.m.

Chairperson

Secretary