

# Environmental Committee

## MINUTES

THURS, APR 1, 2021 7:30 A.M.

CITY HALL, COUNCIL CHAMBERS

Members Present	Chair Shannon Erickson, Dustin Brears, Stefan Bymak, Sandra Bilan, Malena Vroom, Tom Courville
Absent	Jason Signarowski, Darcy Zaharia, Matt Poier
City Staff	Michael Buchholzer, Aron Hershmillier, Lyndon Hicks, Jessica Matsalla (guest/observation), RaeLyn Knudson (guest/observation)
Presentation	
Recording	Val Fatteicher
Call to order	7:32 a.m.
Adjourn	8:25 a.m.
<b>1. Declaration of Conflict of Interest</b>	
Declaration	No declaration of conflict of interest was made.
<b>2. Approval of Agenda</b>	
Discussion	Review of agenda items for discussion.
<b>Motion 8-21</b>	<b>Tom Courville</b> To approve the agenda as presented. CARRIED
<b>3. Minutes of the March 2, 2021 Meeting</b>	
Discussion	Minutes from the March 2, 2021 Meeting of the Committee were circulated.
<b>Motion 9-21</b>	<b>Malena Vroom</b> That the minutes of March 2, 2021 be approved. CARRIED.
<b>4. Programs</b>	
Discussion	<p>a. Spring Yard Waste Clean Up – May 10-15</p> <p>Program received Council's approval on Monday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. The week of May 10 to 15 will be promoted with two programs offered. The landfill tipping fees will be waived for residents delivering yard waste cleanup refuse to the landfill. The second program is a cooperative effort between Parks Department and Environmental Services that will invite interested community groups to register for cleaning up different areas of the city. Volunteers can select an area or have one assigned. Areas such as school grounds, parks or highway ditches are some options. Five community groups have already pre-registered to participate. Grant funding has been provided through the TransCanada Trail System for \$1000 that will</p>

	<p>be used for materials needed (bags, pickers, etc). Advertising and promotions for the program will begin the middle of April.</p> <p>New social media trend promoting the pick-up of litter while walking or jogging. Also referred to as “plawking” or “plogging”. The trend also encourages the use of plastic grocery bags for collecting the litter that would otherwise be discarded with household waste.</p> <p>Bag holders could be added to existing doggie bag stations and promoted as another permanent program for residents. Logan Green walking trail may be used as a pilot project.</p> <p>b. Residential Water &amp; Sewer Rates Brochure – Copy of brochure distributed for information. This brochure has been sent out to residents with the utility bill earlier this year.</p> <p>c. Residential Refuse Waste Management Brochure – Copy of brochure distributed for information. It will be sent out over the next two water billing cycles (April and May). Approximately 5600 households will be receiving the brochures.</p> <p>d. Garbage, Recycling &amp; Organics Survey – The survey is available on the city’s website with a link on the main page and information is also available to the brochure going out to residents in April and May. Hard copy surveys can be provided to residents without computer or cell phone access. Hard copies can be made available at City Hall, Gallagher Centre, Sask Abilities and Environmental Services.</p> <p>Survey will provide feedback on organics collection for residents. Survey closes on May 5<sup>th</sup>, with results compiled thereafter.</p>
<b>5. Ministry of Environment – SK Household Packaging and Paper Review and Engagement</b>	
Discussion	<p>a. Virtual Engagement Sessions – March 30 &amp; April 15 (10:00 am – 11:30 am)</p> <p>b. Survey April 30, 2021 deadline The Ministry of Environment has provided online information regarding proposed strategies for packaging and paper waste reductions. Two engagement sessions have been offered with the next one on Apr 15<sup>th</sup>. There is also a survey due by Apr 30<sup>th</sup>. Members can register to participate if they wish. Registration information will be sent to members by email. Future discussions will be brought forward once results are available online.</p>

## 6. Next Meeting Date

Tentative for the week of May 17<sup>th</sup> pending results of the Doodle Poll.

## 7. Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Spring Yard Waste Clean Up Program Results
- Ministry of Environment Waste Paper & Packaging Stewardship
- Solid Waste Residential Survey Results

## 8. Adjournment 8:25 am

### Motion 10-21

**Sandra Bilan**

That the Environmental Committee Meeting be adjourned. CARRIED.

These minutes have been approved by members of the Environmental Committee on May 27, 2021.

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Chair

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Recording Secretary