

Environmental Committee

MINUTES

TUES, JAN 24, 2023 7:30 A.M.

QUEEN ST WTP, STAFF ROOM

Members Present	Chair Shannon Erickson, Sandra Bilan, Dustin Brears, Darcy Zaharia, Stefan Bymak, David McKerchar
Absent	Jason Signarowski, Matt Poier, Kris Gendall
City Staff	Michael Buchholzer, Aron Hershmiller, Lyndon Hicks
Presentation	
Recording	Val Fatteicher
Call to order	7:39 a.m.
Adjourn	9:05 a.m.

1. Round Table Introductions for new members

2. Election of Chair and Vice Chair

Val Fatteicher requested the call for nominations for Chair at 7:40 am. Sandra Bilan nominated Shannon Erickson who accepted the nomination for the role of Chair. No other nominations were received.

Shannon Erickson was announced as Chair for 2023 by acclamation.

Chair Shannon Erickson opened the floor for call for nominations for Vice-Chair at 7:41 am. Stefan Bymak nominated Sandra Bilan who accepted the nomination for the role of Vice Chair. No further nominations were received.

Sandra Bilan was announced as the Vice-Chair for 2023 by acclamation.

3. Declaration of Conflict of Interest

Declaration	No declaration of conflict of interest was made.
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4. Approval of Agenda

Discussion	Review of agenda items for discussion. Item 8. Curbside Organics Program was added and discussion topic Circular Cities and Regions Initiative moved to Item 9.
Motion 01-23	Sandra Bilan That the agenda be approved as presented.
Motion 02-23	Sandra Bilan That the agenda be amended by adding Item 8. Curbside Organics Program and Circular Cities and Regions Initiative moved to Item 9. CARRIED

5. Minutes of the December 20, 2022 Meeting

Discussion	<p>Minutes from the December 20, 2022 Meeting of the Committee were reviewed.</p> <p>Strategic plan and most recent update with target items will be sent to committee members.</p> <p>Facility tours to be arranged for new members as well as previous members.</p>
Motion 03-23	<p>Dustin Brears</p> <p>That the minutes of December 20, 2022 be approved. CARRIED.</p>
6. Household Hazardous Waste Collection at Recyclability Enterprises Update	
Discussion	<p>Site setup process is ongoing. Building renovations are expected to be complete by end of March. Facility will be open to city residents by April 22nd in conjunction with Earth Day.</p> <p>Darcy arrived 7:59 am.</p> <p>Product Care will be on site prior to startup to provide further staff training on product sorting. Product Care covers the cost of accepting the material, exception would be for materials they do not accept. The City will utilize funding for hosting the one-day annual event for the new daily service collection. Product Care receives their funding from producers through a stewardship program.</p>
7. Organics Program at Sask Abilities	
Discussion	<p>Volume data for collected organics at the landfill in 2019 was 57 tonnes, and 161 tonnes in 2022. This represents a 280% increase since 2019.</p> <p>Recyclability Enterprises organics collection site received more materials in October. First full bin was removed from the site in September. Improved product acceptance information at the site location for residents would be beneficial.</p> <p>Waste audit data performed in summer of 2022, shows 52% organic content in residential carts.</p>
8. Curbside Organics Program	
Discussion	<p>Meeting held with waste hauler to review scope of pilot program. In discussion with the hauler, collection zones selected to participate would be on Thursday and Friday with 200 houses in each zone. More communication will be sent to selected residents at the end of March, with organics bin delivery by early April. Educational information will detail products accepted in the organics program.</p> <p>Determine measurement for success of the pilot program. Will be monitoring usage by volumes of materials collected and participant feedback at the end of the program period.</p>

	<p>Program will also support reduction of greenhouse gases at the landfill. Diverting organics from disposal in the lined cell will also help extend its usable area and delay constructing another lined cell. Waste collection schedule changes could also impact greenhouse gas emissions from disposal equipment.</p> <p>Product contamination in organics carts will be monitored by summer staff as well as at the landfill.</p> <p>Program information from Regina and Saskatoon's organics programs has been reviewed as part of our program development.</p>
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9. Circular Cities and Regions Initiative – Yorkton session

Discussion	<p>Yorkton focused session held last week, with representation from other city departments participating in discussions.</p> <p>Discussion centered on circular economy topics such as water reuse, biomass for energy, biogas use and community gardens. Explore realistic project opportunities such as improvements to cycling and pedestrian trail systems which would encourage not only active living but alternative transportation. Finding alternative uses for green clay product generated by the area canola plants, as well as options for using clean wood and asphalt products.</p> <p>Network with other communities that have already initiated programs/projects and get their feedback. Some participants are from larger city centres, but possible examples that could be introduced here.</p>
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10. Next Meeting Date

Next meeting date pending poll results. Proposed for end of February.

11. Next Meeting Agenda Items

- Waste and Recycling Volumes update
- Curbside Organics Program - measurement for success for new pilot program, program initiation and details update

12. Adjournment 8:51 am

Motion 04-23	Sandra Bilan That the Environmental Committee Meeting be adjourned. CARRIED.
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These minutes have been approved by members of the Environmental Committee on February 28, 2023.

Shannon Erickson

Chair

Val Fatteicher

Recording Secretary