

AGENDA

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIOUX LOOKOUT

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE Council Chambers, Municipal Office Thursday, October 19, 2023 5:30 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A. Attendance

Committee Members

Mr. George Hoggarth (Chair)
Ms. Anne Saltel (Vice Chair)
Cllr. Joyce Timpson
Ms. Jennifer Hancharuk
Ms. Joanne Falk
Cllr. Reece Van Breda
Mr. Hari Sankar

Staff

Mr. Jody Brinkman, Development Services Manager

Regrets

Mr. Bruce Van Horne

Guest

B. Chair to Call the Meeting to order.

C. Motion to excuse Mr. Bruce Van Horne from the meeting.

THAT the above mentioned members be excused from the meeting.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

2. AGENDA

a) Additions to the Agenda

b) Confirmation of Agenda

THAT the Agenda for the Environment Committee Meeting of October 19, 2023 be approved, as amended/ presented.

Moved by:
Seconded by:

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THAT the Minutes of the September 14, 2023 Environment Committee Meeting be adopted as presented/amended.

Moved by:
Seconded by:

5. DELEGATIONS/PRESENTATIONS

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ACTION ITEMS

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7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

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- ❖ **Updates:**

7.4 Committee Budget Discussion

7.5 Committee Term Review and Future Directions

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environment Committee is scheduled for 5:30 p.m on Thursday, December 7th, 2023 at Council Chambers at the Municipal Office.

10. MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at _____.

MINUTES

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Mr. Bruce Van Horne
Ms. Joanne Falk
Mr. Hari Sankar
Cllr. Reece Van Breda

Staff

Mr. Jody Brinkman, Development Services Manager
Ms. Komal Shah, Development Services Administrative Assistant

Excused

Cllr. Joyce Timpson
Ms. Anne Saltel, Vice Chair
Ms. Jennifer Hancharuk

Absent

Guest

B. Chair called the meeting to order at 5:32 pm.

C. MEMBERS EXCUSED

Motion to excuse members: Ms. Jennifer Hancharuk, Cllr. Joyce Timpson, Ms. Anne Saltel

Moved by: Ms. Falk

Seconded by: Mr. Sankar

CARRIED

2. AGENDA

a) Additions to Agenda

b) Confirmation of Agenda

THAT the Agenda for the Environment Committee Meeting of September 14, 2023 be approved, as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Van Horne

Seconded by: Ms. Falk

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

None

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion to Adopt Minutes.

THAT the Minutes of the June 1, 2023 Committee Meeting be adopted, as presented.

Moved by: Cllr. Van Breda

Seconded by: Ms. Falk

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

None

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ACTION ITEMS

01-2023-01 – Discuss with Mr. R. Chakraborty (Recreation and Culture Department Manager) about the town planters and reusing organic materials from them.

- ❖ Completed

03-2023-02 – Discuss with high school about litter pick up, and incorporating leadership experience to school kids. Speak to Nicole Carbone - Mr. Hoggarth

- ❖ Mr. Hoggarth will ask to Nicole Carbone before October committee meeting

03-2023-03 –Contact the hospital to discuss an industrial-scale composter. - Mr. Hoggarth & Ms. Saltel

- ❖ Mr. Hoggarth mentioned about the industrial composter will be a quite significant and pointed out that, Hospital will not have budget for composter. Mr. Van Horne ask about the price and check for the next year's hospital budget.
- ❖ Mr. Van Horne suggested about 1 year commercial FoodCycler will be helpful to save the fees of dump and reduce the amount of food waste. (Tender Buyback option). Committee decided to talk to hospital, check the amount hospital is paying for dumping, and compare them with Commercial Tender Buyback option.
- ❖ Ms. Falk advised about using 3 different bins (Compost - Green, Recycling – Blue, and Landfill – Black) concept in the hospital to reduce the things goes to dump
- ❖ Mr. Brinkman confirmed about the FoodCycler pilot program's success to the committee.

04-2023-01 –Propose garbage bins designed similar to City of Kenora (Big Belly Company) to Municipal budget next year – Cllr. Van Breda

- ❖ Cllr. Van Breda summarize CAO Michelle Larose's response to the Committee. As per CAO Michelle Larose "Environment committee will pass resolution to request to council to replacing the garbage bins on front street"
- ❖ Environment committee passed resolution to request council to replace the front street garbage cans (Big Belly Company) as replicate to city of Kenora region to be presented in Municipal budget 2024.

Moved by: Cllr. Van Breda

Seconded by: Mr. Van Horne

CARRIED

- ❖ Mr. Brinkman will bring this passed resolution to next October council meeting
- ❖ Completed

04-2023-02 –Review the Green Team recommendations and inform the committee about the list of things are doable and connect to other department if necessary – Mr. Brinkman

- ❖ Mr. Brinkman shared Green Team recommendations to Recreation and Culture Department Manager Mr. Chakraborty
- ❖ Completed

04-2023-03 –Contact Mr. Todd Nadon from Freshmarket about food waste and discuss more initiative options about the composting – Mr. Van Horne

- ❖ Mr. Van Horne left message on September 14th to Mr. Nadon asking if he is still interested in speaking to Environment Committee in regards to food waste, composting, locally sourced food and recycling. Mr. Nadon is away for October's Environment Committee meeting, so an invite extended to attend November's meeting. Mr. Van Horne to confirm with Mr. Nadon his attendance at November's meeting.
- ❖ Ongoing

06-2023-01 – Discuss about the Garbage flying off trucks on the way to dump

- ❖ Mr. Hoggarth mentioned to committee about the situation already resolved with Municipality. Sioux Bulletin newspaper advertised and public educated about the issue.
- ❖ Completed

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- ❖ **Updates:** Mr. Hoggarth informed committee about his conversation with Mr. Peter Kirby and added "Mr. Peter Kirby would like Municipality of Sioux Lookout to start a pilot program about composting option and would like to give presentation in November council meeting." In addition, Mr. Kirby would like to present in-person rather than virtually.
- ❖ Environment committee request Delegation that Mr. Peter Kirby will present about composting options for Northwestern Ontario in the November Council meeting, Mr. Hoggarth added. Ms. Shah will inform municipal clerk Mr. Brian McKinnon about Delegation to council meeting.

- ❖ Mr. Hoggarth will connect to Mr. Kirby to send a copy of presentation to Environment committee to review.

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- ❖ **Updates:** Mr. Hoggarth asked Mr. Brinkman about the area of front and Third Street and Mr. Brinkman clarified infrastructure will be upgrading and rerouting the lines. The project will be continue until pavers can be available for booking next year.
- ❖ Ms. Shah presented to the committee about “Temperature Quit” as requested by Mr. Sankar. In addition, the data on Climate Canada website have information from 1840 to 2023 and it has all daily data available. Show One-year data (For instance June-to-June) Temperature mediate to library or Rec centre for the public to access Temperature quilt, added by Mr. Sankar. will update more information in October meeting.

https://climate.weather.gc.ca/historical_data/search_historic_data_e.html

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- ❖ **Updates:** Mr. Hoggarth asked committee about the “Hazardous waste 2023” and Ms. Shah informed the annual Hazardous waste reduction would be on September 23 - Saturday at Public works as per Municipality’s social media page.
- ❖ Mr. Brinkman suggested passing the resolution in October meeting about “List of might things goes to Hazardous waste” and presenting to council. This advanced notice would help people to save the things for upcoming Hazardous waste 2024. Once the list is, ready it can go out with property tax and people will start saving the items for Hazardous waste, Mr. Hoggarth added. Committee will decide to pass motion in the next meeting.
- ❖ Mr. Sankar pointed out to find out the page where the commonly hazardous waste list available and gather the information to present to next committee meeting.

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7.4 COMMITTEE BUDGET

Ms. Shah will check with finance about the budget 2023. Ms. Falk express to use this year budget for Environment committee. Mr. Hoggarth suggested to purchase Sandwich boards from catspaw.

7.5 COMMITTEE TERM REVIEW AND FUTURE DIRECTIONS

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environment Committee is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2023 at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers at the Municipal Office.

10. MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 pm.