

AGENDA

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIOUX LOOKOUT

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE Council Chambers, Municipal Office Monday, February 5, 2024 5:30 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A. Attendance

Committee Members Mr. George Hoggarth (Chair)
 Ms. Anne Saltel (Vice Chair)
 Ms. Joanne Falk
 Mr. Bruce Van Horne
 Cllr. Joyce Timpson
 Cllr. Reece Van Breda
 Mr. Hari Sankar

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

Regrets Ms. Jennifer Hancharuk

Guest

B. Chair to Call the Meeting to order.

C. Motion to excuse Ms. Jennifer Hancharuk from the meeting.

THAT the above mentioned members be excused from the meeting.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

2. AGENDA

a) Additions to the Agenda

Cllr. Timpson would like to discuss about Radon and Climate
Emergency.

b) Confirmation of Agenda

THAT the Agenda for the Environment Committee Meeting of February 5, 2024 be approved, as amended/ presented.

Moved by:
Seconded by:

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THAT the Minutes of the January 4, 2024 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

03-2023-01 – Discuss with high school about litter pick up, and incorporating leadership experience to school kids. Speak to Nicole Carbone - Mr. Hoggarth

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- Completed

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01-2024-02 – Check with Mr. MacKinnon about staff allocated person for Peter Kirby's composting pilot program – Cllr. Van Breda

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1 Annual Work Plan and Budget Request

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7.4 Committee Budget Discussion

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environment Committee is scheduled for 5:00 p.m on Thursday, March 7th 2024 at Council Chambers at the Municipal Office.

10. MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at _____.

MINUTES

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIOUX LOOKOUT

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICE Thursday, January 4, 2024 5:30 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A. Attendance

Committee Members

Ms. Anne Saltel, Vice Chair
Ms. Joanne Falk
Ms. Jennifer Hancharuk
Mr. Hari Sankar
Mr. Bruce Van Horne
Cllr. Reece Van Breda

Staff Ms. Komal Shah, Development Services Administrative Assistant

Excused Mr. George Hoggarth, Chair
Cllr. Joyce Timpson

Absent

Guest

B. Vice Chair called the meeting to order at 5:31pm.

C. MEMBERS EXCUSED

Motion to excuse members: Cllr. Joyce Timpson and Mr. George Hoggarth

Moved by: Ms. Falk
Seconded by: Cllr. Van Breda

CARRIED

2. AGENDA

a) Additions to Agenda

Mr. Simon Peet connected to Mr. Van Horne about the community Environmental Survey. Ms. Shah presented the Canadian Geographic website (<https://canadiangeographic.ca/articles/first-of-its-kind-project-is-helping-canadian-cities-transition-to-net-zero/>). Ms. Hancharuk added about “Electric vehicle” should be used for Hub Transit to support Environment. Committee members discussed about Environment sustainability and Climate Action Plan. Committee members would like to discuss more about Climate Action Plan to council.

b) Confirmation of Agenda

THAT the Agenda for the Environment Committee Meeting of January 4, 2024 be approved, as presented.

Moved by: Mr. Van Horne

Seconded by: Mr. Sankar

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion to Adopt Minutes.

THAT the Minutes of the December 7, 2023 Committee Meeting be adopted, as presented.

Moved by: Ms. Falk

Seconded by: Cllr. Van Breda

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ACTION ITEMS

03-2023-01 – Discuss with high school about litter pick up, and incorporating leadership experience to school kids. Speak to Nicole Carbone - Mr. Hoggarth

- Ms. Hancharuk concerned about the garbage near the high school. There needs to be more garbage cans near the high school area. Cllr. Van Breda will send a letter to high school about the garbage pick up off the municipal property after discussing with CAO Mr. MacKinnon.

03-2023-02 –Contact the hospital to discuss an industrial-scale composter. - Mr. Hoggarth & Ms. Saltel

- Ongoing

05-2023-03 – Prepare report for Council requesting that Big Belly garbage cans be included with the 2024 budget – Mr. Brinkman

- The Big Belly report will go to January 2024 council meeting for approval as mentioned by Mr. Brinkman
- Completed
- Cllr. Van Breda requesting committee members to be present on January 17,2024 at 5:30 PM for council meeting to support the Big Belly garbage cans

06-2023-04 – Prepare report for Council requesting that a list of hazardous items typically included with the annual hazardous waste day – Mr. Brinkman

- Mr. MacKinnon approved the Hazardous list items and Mr. Brinkman mentioned no further process required from council regarding this.
- Completed
- Ms. Saltel will email Mr. Brinkman regarding the Standard Hazardous waste items list and mark Mr. MacKinnon in the same email. Catspaw will make signs once the confirmation made for Hazardous waste

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- ❖ **Updates:** Ms. Shah confirmed as per Mr. Brinkman, council have not allocated any staff person for Peter Kirby's composting pilot program yet. Cllr. Van Breda will follow up with Mr. MacKinnon

about the staff allocated person for Mr. Peter Kirby's composting pilot program. Ms. Shah will check with Ms. Jennifer Esposito about the Industrial size FoodCycler program. Ms. Esposito mentioned more information about commercial FoodCycler and reports will go to council meeting shortly.

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- ❖ **Updates:** Mr. Sankar will reach out to school regarding "Hazardous waste" education video and Environment committee can encourage students to participate more in Litter pick up. Mr. Sankar added committee can motivate students or school with some donations as well from the budget. More people are joining and sharing information on Environment committee Facebook page added Ms. Saltel.

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- ❖ **Updates:** Ms. Shah passed the message of Mr. Andrew Culham – Residential Building Inspector regarding the wood for Community garden. Mr. Culham ordered 31 boards of the Douglas Fir wood for community garden and will be delivered by mid January and the cost for wood will be under 1000\$. Committee expressed concerned about Douglas fir over Cedar. Ms. Shah checked with Mr. Culham about the difference, and as per Mr. Culham locally ordered Cedar was very expensive than Douglas fir. After all the comparison, costing, and discussion with Mr. Brinkman the Douglas fir ordered.

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- ❖ **Updates:** Ms. Saltel concerned about cooking skills in younger people. Premier Doug Ford needs to introduce “Home economics” subject in the school for more nutritional home cook meal. People consider frozen and prepacked food as an option, added by Ms. Saltel.

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7.4 COMMITTEE BUDGET

Environment committee used year 2023 budget by ordering Sandwich board sign from Catspaw and Douglas fir Wood for community garden. The next 2024-year budget will be approved in council meeting.

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environment Committee is scheduled for Monday, February 5, 2024 at 5:30 pm in Council Chambers at the Municipal Office.

10. MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.