

AGENDA

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF SIOUX LOOKOUT

ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE Council Chambers, Municipal Office Thursday, November 6, 2025 5:00 P.M.

1. **CALL MEETING TO ORDER**

A. **Attendance**

Committee Members Mr. George Hoggarth (Chair)
 Ms. Anne Saltel (Vice Chair)
 Cllr. Joyce Timpson
 Cllr. Reece Van Breda
 Ms. Joanne Falk
 Ms. Alanna Pizziol-Carroll
 Mr. Hari Sankar

Staff Ms. Komal Shah, Development Services Administrative Assistant

Regrets Mr. Tyler Bernier

Absent

Guest

B. Chair to Call the Meeting to order.

C. Motion to excuse Mr. Tyler Bernier 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. Van Breda proposed a motion for the Committee to allocate \$20,000 in the 2026 budget for new garbage bins.

- Ms. Shah shared Mr. Brinkman's message with the committee as follows:

"Hello Komal,

Something to share with the committee, Meredith stated that they put out 5 new garbage cans this year and have another 5 to place next year. This link bring you to a map which shows the locations of garbage cans in Sioux lookout.

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=127fkB3w0WKwy5oB63rRFjzgiAZvjy0k&usp=sharing>

The costs for a round 22" concrete garbage can is \$725 plus HST. Shipping for 3 of these garbage cans this year was \$1,461."

- Ms. Saltel would like to share the link with Committee members regarding "Recycling in Ontario" <https://www.circularmaterials.ca/provincial-programs/recycling-in-ontario/>
- Cllr. Timpson would like to share below letter with Committee members:

"HI Komal

... Could you share with Env Ctte members Brian's response below to someone expressing concern baout the ltering etc around the TIC bridge and litter in general. Brian is ok sharing this:

"Thank you for reaching out and sharing your concerns. We, too, share these concerns, and are working to have the area addressed. We are presently awaiting the issuance of a Work Permit from the Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry to complete the clean-up under and around the foot bridge. The area is identified as a Provincially Significant Wetland, and as such, we require permission to undertake the clean-up.

As a bit of background and a summary of our efforts to address this ongoing challenge (not just at the cemeteries and foot bridge, but throughout the community), I wanted to share the following with you:

1. Since the spring, we have had two dedicated staff collecting litter throughout the community seven days per week. Despite these ongoing efforts, our ability to keep up is stymied by the seemingly endless litter, trash, and drug paraphernalia. The Municipality receives calls, emails, and complaints via our Service Request Portal daily with concerns regarding littering.
2. Council approved the hiring of a security company this spring, which patrols various Municipal facilities and parks/green spaces daily, working to address unwanted and antisocial behaviours, including littering. The OPP have reported that because of this security presence, calls for service to key areas have dropped significantly since the hiring of the security company. It's some progress, but we have lots more work to do.
3. We now have two By-law Enforcement Officers, providing coverage and service seven days per week. This includes Animal Control and By-law Enforcement, including enforcement of our Anti-Littering By-law.

4. I have also been in contact with various local agencies who have staff that work with the vulnerable populations, seeking their assistance in helping to address the excessive littering and depositing of used drug paraphernalia. To date, I have received the following commitments from these various agencies:
 1. Purchase of various sizes of sharps bins (for outdoor use) – the various agencies purchased several units, the Municipality has installed them in locations where their clients said they would use them, and we collect the sharps each time a container/bin is full and return them for proper disposal.
 2. Educating their clients on the proper disposal of trash/litter/drug paraphernalia
5. The Municipality's Environment Committee is also working to establish an "Adopt a Block" program, whereby interested and able individuals would volunteer to keep an area of the community free from litter. We look forward to seeing this program launched in the coming months.

I trust the foregoing helps to reassure you that the Municipality is very concerned about and committed to ensuring a safe, welcoming, and healthy community for residents and visitors alike.

THANKS

Joyce"

Mr. Brinkman added, "To add to this, we have also been in contact with MTO who have cleaned up under the road bridge adjacent to the pedestrian bridge."

- Mr. Brinkman shared maps showing the locations of garbage cans throughout the town with the committee members. The maps include both existing garbage cans and the new ones installed this year. The link is provided below:

<https://www.google.com/maps/d/edit?mid=127fkB3w0WKwy5oB63rRFjzgiAZvjy0k&usp=sharing>

b) Confirmation of Agenda

THAT the Agenda for the Environment Committee Meeting of November 6, 2025 be approved, as amended/ presented.

Moved by:

Seconded by:

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

THAT the Minutes of the October 1, 2025 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

01-2024-01 – Committee to research if municipality has a Climate Action Plan and if so committee should review and discuss, if not committee to submit a recommendation to council to develop and implement a municipal Climate Action Plan - All Members

09-2025-02 – Reserve a 40\$ deposit for each community garden beds in April 2026 – Ms. Falk

10-2025-03 – Request the Public works department to provide the public response about the event “Hazardous special waste collection” happened on September 27, 2025 – Ms. Shah

- ❖ Ms. Dianna Lorteau from Public Works mentioned, Miller removed 6655kgs of hazardous waste in year 2025. That kept that out of our landfill and well the bush. In addition, about 160 people participated on waste collection day.
- ❖ Completed

7. ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION

7.1 Annual Work Plan and Budget Request

Curbside Swap

- ❖ **Goals:** Continue promoting Curbside Swap

- ❖ **Lead Person:** Cllr. J. Timpson
- ❖ **Resources Needs:** Internet, Social Media, Municipal Website
- ❖ **Date Due or Frequency:** Weekly (Saturday and Sundays) April through October
- ❖ **Tasks:** Ads, signs, encourage the non-profit housing associations and others to use Curbside Swap. Better promote Curbside Swap Facebook page.
- ❖ **Updates:**

Explore Composting Options

- ❖ **Goals:** To explore options for composting. To promote composting.
- ❖ **Lead Person:** Environment Committee
- ❖ **Resources Needs:** Internet, Municipal World magazine
- ❖ **Date Due or Frequency:** Ongoing
- ❖ **Tasks:** Solicit community input on composting options through methods such as surveys.
- ❖ **Updates:**

Communication and Education

- ❖ **Goals:** To communicate with residents and educate regarding sustainable environmental practices.
- ❖ **Lead Person:** Environment Committee
- ❖ **Resources Needs:** Internet, Social Media (Facebook), Ads
- ❖ **Date Due or Frequency:** Ongoing
- ❖ **Tasks:** Through a variety of media, educate the community regarding sustainable environmental practices of any nature.
- ❖ **Updates:**

Community Garden

- ❖ **Goals:** To establish and maintain community gardens that promote and encourage locally grown produce, food security, the reduction of carbon footprints, composting and educational opportunities.
- ❖ **Lead Person:** Ms. J. Falk
- ❖ **Resources Needs:** Volunteers needed to help with setting up the gardens. Municipal staff needed to help with maintenance as required.
- ❖ **Date Due or Frequency:** April through October
- ❖ **Tasks:** Maintaining the gardens, advertising, gardening classes.
- ❖ **Updates:** Sioux Gravel delivered soil to the community garden on October 29th.

Municipal Projects Review

- ❖ **Goals:** To review municipal projects that may have an environmental impact and report on their environmental effect
- ❖ **Lead Person:** Environment Committee
- ❖ **Resources Needs:** List of Capital Projects
- ❖ **Date Due or Frequency:** Ongoing
- ❖ **Tasks:** Review environmental impacts of capital projects
- ❖ **Updates:**

Environmental Recognition

- ❖ **Goals:** Recognize groups or individuals for their environmentally sustainable activities/initiatives
- ❖ **Lead Person:** Ms. A. Saltel
- ❖ **Resources Needs:** Internet, Social Media
- ❖ **Date Due or Frequency:** Ongoing
- ❖ **Tasks:** Recognizing groups or individuals on Social Media and distributing certificates. Seek nominations from public
- ❖ **Updates:**

Climate Action Plan

- ❖ **Goals:** To communicate with and educate residents about effective strategies to adapt to the effects of climate change including the impact of the environment on people's health, Natural Ecosystems and Eco Friendly Transportation will be incorporated into the Climate Action Plan
- ❖ **Lead Person:** Environment Committee
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- ❖ **Date Due or Frequency:** Ongoing
- ❖ **Tasks:** Present information through a variety of media and act in an advisory capacity to the Municipality
- ❖ **Updates:**

Promotion of Locally Sourced Food and Self-Sustainability

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- ❖ **Lead Person:** Environment Committee
- ❖ **Resources Needs:** Internet, Social Media, Workspaces
- ❖ **Date Due or Frequency:** Ongoing
- ❖ **Tasks:** Present information and education through a variety of media and act in an advisory capacity to the Municipality. Promoting different gardening options (examples: raised gardens and containers). Provide support to local gardeners by providing a platform for knowledge exchange. Promote sustainably sourced food. Through education and promotion at the farmer's markets, increase awareness about sustainably sourced foods. Advertise and encourage people to share their produce (Gleaning).
- ❖ **Updates:**

Waste Reduction/Diversion

- ❖ **Goals:** To reduce and divert waste
- ❖ **Lead Person:** Environment Committee

- ❖ **Resources Needs:** Internet, Social Media
- ❖ **Date Due or Frequency:** Ongoing
- ❖ **Task:** Introduce policies, practices, and by-laws to eliminate single use plastics. Advertise Waste Reduction Week. Promote reduction of litter around town. Encourage the enforcement of the existing littering By-law. Educate people on hazardous waste and how to dispose of it. Reduce recycling mixed in with household and commercial garbage, which is being brought to the landfill. Advocate for the chipping of brush as a way to divert it from the landfill site.

- ❖ **Updates:**

Municipal Litter Strategy

- ❖ **Goals:** To create a Community wide Litter Strategy
- ❖ **Lead Person:** Environment Committee
- ❖ **Resources Needs:** Internet, Social Media, various local Stakeholders
- ❖ **Date Due or Frequency:** Ongoing
- ❖ **Task:** Consult with local agencies and businesses to develop an ongoing litter reduction program. Promote community pride by keeping our streets and green spaces free of litter.
- ❖ **Updates:**

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, December 4th 2025 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 Wednesday, October 1, 2025 5:00 P.M.

1. CALL MEETING TO ORDER

A. Attendance

Committee Members

Mr. George Hoggarth, Chair
Ms. Anne Saltel, Vice Chair
Cllr. Joyce Timpson
Ms. Joanne Falk
Cllr. Reece Van Breda
Ms. Alanna Pizziol-Carroll
Mr. Tyler Bernier

Staff

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

Excused

Mr. Hari Sankar

Absent

Guest

B. Chair called the meeting to order at 5:02 pm.

C. MEMBERS EXCUSED

Motion to excuse members: Mr. Hari Sankar

Moved by: Ms. Saltel
Seconded by: Ms. Falk

CARRIED

2. AGENDA

a) Additions to Agenda

b) Confirmation of Agenda

THAT the Agenda for the Environment Committee Meeting of October 1, 2025 be approved, as presented.

Moved by: Ms. Pizziol-Carroll

Seconded by: Ms. Saltel

CARRIED

3. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

4. ADOPTION OF MINUTES

Motion to Adopt Minutes.

THAT the Minutes of the September 4, 2025 Committee Meeting be adopted, as amended.

Moved by: Ms. Saltel

Seconded by: Cllr. Van Breda

CARRIED

5. DELEGATIONS

6. BUSINESS ARISING FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

6.1 ACTION ITEMS

01-2024-01 – Committee to research if municipality has a Climate Action Plan and if so committee should review and discuss, if not committee to submit a

recommendation to council to develop and implement a municipal Climate Action Plan - All Members

- ❖ Mr. Brinkman will contact Ms. Jennifer Esposito to discuss updates on the Avalon Shift.

09-2025-02 – Reserve a 40\$ deposit for each community garden beds in April 2026” – Ms. Falk

- ❖ This action item will be discussed again in the spring of 2026.

09-2025-03 – Request the Public works department to provide the public response about the event “Hazardous special waste collection” happened on September 27, 2025 – Ms. Shah

- ❖ Cllr. Van Breda informed the Environment Committee members via email that approximately 125 trucks dropped off hazardous waste during the Hazardous Waste Collection Day on Saturday.
- ❖ Ms. Saltel disappointed that she had informed the Public Works staff her vehicle contained Hazardous waste from 3 households. However, the staff did not record the number of households represented. Ideally, staff should track the number of participating households to help measure engagement and support future promotion of the initiative. Committee members would like to receive a report on public participation from the Public Works Department. Ms. Shah will contact the staff to request this report.
- ❖ Mr. Bernier suggested that it would be beneficial to promote and advertise the event closer to the collection date as a final reminder to the public.
- ❖ Ms. Pizziol-Caroll will contact Catspaw regarding the hazardous waste sign.
- ❖ Cllr. Timpson requested a year-by-year comparison to determine whether the amount of collected waste is increasing or decreasing. Ms. Shah has shared the data for the past five years (2020 to 2024) and will send the 2025 figures once they are received from the Public Works staff.
- ❖ The event averaged 145 to 180 people over the last few years and the following amounts were collected:
 - ❖ 2020 was 7,431KGS
 - ❖ 2021 was 5,799KGS
 - ❖ 2022 was 4,250KGS
 - ❖ 2023 was 3,482KGS
 - ❖ 2024 was 6,411KGS
- ❖ Ms. Dianna Lorteau reported that approximately 160 people participated in the 2025 Hazardous Waste Drop-Off event at Public Works. In addition, Miller group removed 6,655 KGS of hazardous waste in year 2025. That kept that out of our landfill and well the bush.
- ❖ Completed

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- ❖ **Updates:** Cllr. Timpson proposed organizing one final “Thanksgiving Community Event” as a way to wrap up the season.
- ❖ Ms. Pizziol-Caroll raised concerns about the Curbside Swap initiative, noting that many of the items left out are being taken to the encampments, which is creating additional issues within the community. She also emphasized that the encampments pose a potential fire hazard in nearby forested areas. Cllr. Van Breda inquired whether a map of the encampment locations is available. In response, Mr. Brinkman stated that the GIS (Geographic Information System) staff would be able to provide such a map.
- ❖ Mr. Brinkman added that the Municipality is planning to develop an Encampment Protocol, and that this sensitive issue will be brought to Council for proper consideration and action. Ms. Pizziol-Caroll noted that Fire Chief Mr. Funk has access to a drone used for detecting forest fires, which could also be useful in monitoring encampment areas.

Explore Composting Options

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- ❖ **Lead Person:** Environment Committee

- ❖ **Resources Needs:** Internet, Municipal World magazine
- ❖ **Date Due or Frequency:** Ongoing
- ❖ **Tasks:** Research and promote municipal composting options. Promote backyard composting. To act in an advisory capacity to the municipality to ensure infrastructure and initiatives supporting eco-friendly transportation are being considered.
- ❖ **Updates:** Mr. Bernier informed the Rock Front Family Farm has relocated its compost drop-off site. Additionally, the 5 Mile Corner location will be receiving more bins to accommodate public compost drop-offs.

Communication and Education

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- ❖ **Tasks:** Through a variety of media, including the Environment Committee Facebook page, educate the community regarding sustainable environmental practices of any nature.
- ❖ **Updates:** Cllr. Van Breda asked whether any committee members had attended the NWMO event. Mr. Hoggarth was the only member who attended the open house held at the Legion. Mr. Hoggarth emphasized the importance of making decisions based on complete and accurate information, rather than relying solely on emotion. He shared that, once operational, there will be two trucks transporting material each day for approximately nine months of the year. This schedule may vary depending on road conditions, as the materials being shipped are radioactive waste. Mr. Hoggarth also raised environmental concerns, noting that the long-distance transportation to Ignace would result in significant greenhouse gas emissions. However, he pointed out that the facility is not expected to be operational until year 2043, by which time electric vehicles are expected to be more common. In addition, he mentioned that transportation will be multi-modal — involving both trucks and trains. The containers used for transporting the waste are designed with protective features. In the event of an accident or explosion, the protective shield would absorb the initial impact. The containers themselves are made from highly durable and well-shielded materials. Committee members also discussed the importance of ensuring that drivers are properly trained to prevent accidents on highways.

- ❖ Mr. Brinkman and Cllr. Timpson visited a nuclear power plant in Southern Ontario. They observed that uranium fuel rods are large and remain in the reactor for about 50 years. After that period, the rods become unstable and must be removed. Once removed, they are placed in cooling ponds for approximately 10 years to allow them to cool down sufficiently. After cooling, the rods are transferred to large, sealed bins about 10 feet tall, which are lined with lead for shielding. These sealed bins are then stored in secure warehouses. Mr. Hoggarth added that building a new nuclear power plant requires a significant amount of time due to the complexity and scale of such projects.

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- ❖ **Lead Person:** Ms. J. Falk
- ❖ **Resources Needs:** Municipal staff needed to help with maintenance as required.
- ❖ **Date Due or Frequency:** April through October
- ❖ **Tasks:** Maintaining the gardens, advertising, gardening classes.
- ❖ **Updates:** Ms. Falk reported that the community garden has been completed, except for a few garden beds that still need to be cleared by individual users. She mentioned that she has sent out reminder emails to those individuals. Ms. Falk also noted that she had to connect to Mr. Sankar regarding matters related to the Fire Smart program. Ms. Shah placed an order of 20 yards Soil to Mark Mosher for community garden.

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- ❖ **Tasks:** Review environmental impacts of capital projects
- ❖ **Updates:** Mr. Brinkman mentioned that the Municipality is currently working on a 10-year capital plan. A closed session regarding this plan is scheduled for October 2nd. Once the information becomes available to the public, he will share further details with the committee members.

Environmental Recognition

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- ❖ **Lead Person:** Ms. A. Saltel
- ❖ **Resources Needs:** Internet, Social Media
- ❖ **Date Due or Frequency:** Ongoing
- ❖ **Tasks:** Recognizing groups or individuals on Social Media and distributing certificates.
- ❖ **Updates:** Ms. Saltel mentioned that Ms. Shah had shared a photo of Christian Boivin picking up litter near the Canada Post office. Ms. Saltel forwarded the photo to the IT department so his efforts could be recognized. Mr. Chris Pollard will be posting on social media soon to acknowledge Mr. Boivin's contribution.
- ❖ Cllr. Van Breda submitted several names for recognition; however, all of them had already been acknowledged previously, except for Randy Heinrichson. Randy collects garbage along the highway from town to the landfill twice a year, removing approximately 600 kg of waste each time. He will be recognized for his ongoing contributions.

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- ❖ **Updates:** None

Promotion of Locally Sourced Food and Self-Sustainability

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- ❖ **Updates:** Mr. Bernier informed the committee that the Mayfair building is now available for local businesses to rent. Rock Front Family Farm has been selected as one of the tenants and has already moved into the space. Their retail operations will now be based there. Mr. Bernier, who also serves on the board of directors for the '807 Co-op,' mentioned that the co-op aims to attract more farmers to the community. Ms. Saltel inquired about 'PACE,' and Mr. Bernier explained that it is a business incubator program that provides mentorship and rental support through funding. The Mayfair building is divided into separate units, and PACE will soon announce which businesses will be occupying those spaces.

Waste Reduction/Diversion

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- ❖ **Updates:** Ms. Falk inquired about the greenhouse, which can be used for up to nine months of the year, including during the winter season. Mr. Bernier responded that while they do plan to explore this technology for their other out-of-town property in the future, their current focus is on composting technology to convert waste into energy. The digester they are considering produces either biomass or fertilizer. The biomass can then be used to heat the greenhouse. However, the equipment is manufactured in Europe, and maintenance costs are quite high.
- ❖ Ms. Pizziol-Carroll noted that diverting restaurant food waste would be a great initiative, as all such waste currently ends up in the landfill. Mr. Bernier responded that they also plan to explore this in the future. However, it would require an industrial-sized digester. This type of digester can process waste in days rather than months and does not produce carbon emissions. While it offers many benefits and incentives, it requires substantial funding and financing. The system is available in various sizes based on needs. A mid-sized unit costs between \$60,000 and \$80,000, excluding shipping. It also requires a three-phase electrical connection, which is more energy efficient. Typically, a mid-sized unit can process about 400 kilograms of waste per cycle, with each cycle lasting a few days. The only discharge is steam, which enters the sewer system, and the final product is a stable, pathogen-free fertilizer.

Municipal Litter Strategy

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- ❖ **Resources Needs:** Internet, Social Media, various local Stakeholders
- ❖ **Date Due or Frequency:** Ongoing
- ❖ **Task:** Consult with local agencies and businesses to develop an ongoing litter reduction program. Promote community pride by keeping our streets and green spaces free of litter.
- ❖ **Updates:** Mr. Brinkman will share the "Adopt-A-Block" program with the Public Works Manager and will provide more information at the November meeting. Mr. Brinkman clarified that the Adopt-A-Block program will be funded through the MAT Tax budget.

7.4 COMMITTEE BUDGET

- ❖ Mr. Brinkman noted that no funds have been used from the 2025 budget so far, so the full amount remains available.
- ❖ Ms. Pizziol-Carroll will contact Catspaw regarding the hazardous waste sign invoice that was submitted to the Municipality. Once payment is processed through the 2025 budget, Catspaw will produce the signs for delivery next year. Committee members noted that this approach allows for effective use of this year's budget. A total of five signs will be required for the Town. The cost for each hazardous waste sign (48" x 24") is \$160.25 plus HST. Installation will not be included, as the signs will be installed by municipal staff.
- ❖ Ms. Falk said, 20 yards of soil needed for community garden. Mr. Brinkman will order the soil. Ms. Shah placed an order to Mark Mosher for the soil.
- ❖ If there are remaining funds, the Committee members agreed to purchase garbage pickers for public use.

8. NEW BUSINESS

9. NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Environment Committee is scheduled for Thursday, November 6th 2025, at 5:00 pm in Council Chambers at the Municipal Office.

10. MEETING ADJOURNED

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.