



# Minutes

## Of a Meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Committee Of the City of Kenora Tuesday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 – Hybrid Attendance 1:00p.m.

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**With:** Ashley Nordlund      Craig Debbo      Ethan Amyotte (V)      Rory McMillan  
C. Lisa Moncrief

**Staff:** Danica Farion – Executive Assistant

**Regrets:** Lisa Devlin

### 1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Danica Farion called the meeting to order at 1:03pm and delivered the land acknowledgment.

### 2. Election of Chair and Vice-Chair

**Moved By Councillor Lisa Moncrief Seconded by Rory McMillan, and Carried –**  
That Ashley Nordlund be elected as Chair of the Sustainability Advisory Committee for a one (1) year term effective June 06, 2023 through to February 05, 2024; and That Craig Debbo be elected as Vice-Chair of the Sustainability Advisory Committee for a one (1) year term effective June 06, 2023 through to February 05, 2024.

### 3. Confirmation of Minutes

**Moved By Councillor Lisa Moncrief, Seconded by Craig Debbo, and Carried –**  
That the Minutes of the Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held March 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023 be confirmed as written and filed.

### 4. Previous Action Items

The Committee shared they felt there was not enough communication on FreeCycle Days and would like to see adjustments and improvements moving forward. Posters at the Transfer Station indicating FreeCycle Days will be held every year on May and September long weekends would start to get this ingrained in resident’s minds. Councillor Moncrief felt there should be permanent signs at the Transfer Station for FreeCycle Days. The table discussed the resuse area at length and want to focus priorities on getting this up and running. The Solid Waste Manager will be invited to the next meeting to discuss this further.



Councillor Moncrief questioned why the City is not pursuing partnerships with private entities to encourage community composting. Brief discussions on Biomass Energy. Councillor Moncrief inquired as to what happened with the previous Transportation Study.

Table discussions on how to align City staff with the Sustainability Action Plan and discussions on how to keep this Committee informed on the progress of staff work towards identified action items in the Plan. The Solid Waste Manager and the Facilities Manager will come to the next meeting for an information session. The table has suggested having staff submit reports to this Committee for every meeting. Staff resource will take this suggestion to Senior Leadership.

Discussions on the action items that were assigned to members who have resigned from the Committee; staff resource will reach out to LOWSDA for information on healthy shorelines program.

## **5. Communication from Mr. Schwartz**

Mr. Schwartz reached out to Rory McMillan to discuss his concerns further. They walked Miller Rapid path, at the end of the day, Mr. Schwartz is looking for advocacy to designate Miller Rapids as a legitimate trail. The issue remains that this is private property, not City owned property and that this is not necessarily within the scope of SAC. Discussions surrounding Mr. Schwartz's clarified request for a light pollution policy.

The Committee supports the pursuit of a light pollution policy and designating Miller Rapid path as a legitimate trail system should Council see fit.

## **6. LOWSDA – Lake Life Event for 2024**

Staff resource provided an overview of what this event is, and that the Committee should be prepared to partake in this event in 2024.

## **7. Budget Discussions**

The Committee has established their priorities to focus on this term out of the Sustainability Action Plan as:

- Evaluate the potential to develop a program to facilitate energy conservation retrofits for existing and new buildings;
- Incorporate green infrastructure into the City's asset management process;
- Development and Implement a community composting program that includes institutional and/or commercial partners;
- Develop and implement a Healthy Shorelines Program; and
- Develop and implement mechanisms for the local salvage, re-use, and exchange of housing and building materials.



## **8. Current Action Items**

- Staff resource to send out a doodle poll for next meeting
- Committee members to submit their questions to staff resource and chair for the two managers who will join at the next meeting
- Staff resource to connect with LOWSDA on Healthy Shorelines Program
- Staff resource to enquire about pre-existing Active Transportation Study
- Staff resource to facilitate more communication on FreeCycle Days
- Staff resource to follow up with Senior Leadership on reports to this Committee

## **9. Next Meeting – TBD**

**Adjourn Meeting** – The meeting adjourned at 2:53pm.