



Minutes

Of a Meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Committee Of the City of Kenora Tuesday, March 28th, 2023 – Hybrid Attendance 1:00p.m.

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**With:** Ashley Nordlund-v    Craig Debbo                      Ethan Amyotee            Keith Loucks  
           Laura Loohuizen        Teika Newton                      Rory McMillan

**Staff:** Danica Farion – Executive Assistant

**Regrets:** C. Lisa Moncrief

### 1. Call to Order

Teika Newton called the meeting to order at 1:02pm and delivered the land acknowledgment.

### 2. Confirmation of Previous Minutes

**Moved By Rory McMillan Seconded by Laura Loohuizen, and Carried –**

That the Minutes of the Sustainability Advisory Committee meeting held February 7th, 2023 be confirmed as written and filed.

### 3. Previous Action Items

A recap was provided on the comprehensive FoodCycler program that Nelson BC is doing. It was noted that one of Nelson’s City Councillors Rik Logtenberg may be willing to do a lunch and learn on how Nelson has met their green initiatives up to 2025. It was suggested that Councillor Moncrief get linked up with this gentleman with respect to the Climate Caucus.

### 4. SharePoint System

SharePoint was reviewed and the table had no follow up questions. If members want to see additional resources added to the drives, they are to send them to the Staff Resource to be uploaded.



## 5. Terms of Reference

Discussions surrounding item 2.1a wording of 'final approved Plan' and Committee suggested changes of 'current approved Plan', as well as the addition of the word 'annually' to the end of section 3.2.

### **Moved By Ethan Amyotee Seconded by Rory McMillan, and Carried –**

That the City of Kenora's Sustainability Advisory Committee Terms of Reference as amended at today's meeting be approved and brought forward to Council at Committee of the Whole meeting on April 12, 2023.

## 6. Communication to SAC from Resident

The table discussed Mr. Schwartz's letter at length.

There is no practicable way for this Committee to influence sustainable cottaging, however if there were a member of LOWSDA on this Committee that may be a good resource.

Light pollution downtown is an area that can be explored internally however, all lights installed do meet specified engineering requirements and are also a safety device.

Discussions with the City of Kenora engineering team about having lighting focused downward as opposed to up could occur however this may be difficult to have changed until standards are advanced.

The Committee was in agreement that as Mr. Schwartz's comments regarding Miller Rapid trails were already brought forward to Council, this is best suited to stay in their bucket, but that this Committee would consult should Council or the Common Ground Committee require.

Table discussions on how best to respond to citizen letters moving forward as this is a new Committee. The Staff Resource will follow up internally and advise the Table on what is appropriate procedure.

## 7. SAP Review and Discussion

Council has approved an Operating Budget of 75K for this Committee for 2023. The Table reviewed Table 3 of the Sustainability Action Plan:

Items 14, 13, & 12 → there are other local entities best suited for these action items, Teika and Laura will follow up with their contacts as champions on these.

Item 11 → Staff Resource to follow up on whether this was arranged as part of the pocket park/public washroom build

Item 10 → Staff Resource to follow up with the Solid Waste Department on this item

Items 9 & 8 → City Staff facilitate round two of the FoodCycler Pilot program, next steps would be exploring a more comprehensive/community-wide program



Item 7 → Teika to reach out regarding item 7 to see where local initiatives are at with community gardens and micro farming.

Item 6 → Staff Resource will follow up internally regarding a potential study for alternate transportation.

Item 5 → Staff Resource to connect with City Asset Management Officer on this.

Item 4 → Potential opportunity for a feasibility study through FCM Green Municipal Grants, Staff Resource to follow up.

Item 3 - Discussions surrounding an open house event showcasing local businesses that facilitate green energy for homes. Discussions around creating brochures highlighting these resources to be able to provide to homeowners/businesses. An open house or tradeshow for next summer would be the target.

Item 2 – A lot of work is already underway on City buildings, staff resource will follow up with the Facilities manager to provide a wholesome recap of these items. Members shared that it would be ideal to showcase these efficiencies in a public format. Conversations surrounding potential new builds with in the community and what their goals are.

Craig Debbo left at 2:46pm

Item 1 – The Chair has asked the Staff Resource to compile all emissions information for the City of Kenora with the intention of creating a baseline to be able to track emission reduction with a target to develop a more tangible approach to the CEP.

Discussions surrounding purchasing a FoodCycler as a donation for the Kenora Home and Leisure Show to promote and bring awareness to waste diversion. Staff Resource to look at inventory and policies around this and follow up with e-vote once appropriate.

## **8. Current Action Items**

All action items identified in agenda item 7 above.

Staff Resource to follow up on the following items:

- Reuse area at the Transfer Station
- Freecycle Days
- Committee seats and recruitment
- Circulate City's Energy Plan to the Committee

## **9. Next Meeting – June 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 1:00pm – Operations Centre, Training Room 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor**

**Adjourn Meeting –** The meeting adjourned at 3:03pm.

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