



Minutes

Of a Meeting of the Sustainability Advisory Committee Of the City of Kenora Tuesday, September 5th, 2023 – Virtual 1:00p.m.

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**With:** Ashley Nordlund      Craig Debbo      Lisa Devlin      Rory McMillan  
C. Lisa Moncrief

**Staff:** Danica Farion – Executive Assistant

**Regrets:** Ethan Amyotte

### 1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement

Ashley Nordlund called the meeting to order at 1:21pm and delivered the land acknowledgment.

### 2. Confirmation of Minutes

**Moved By Ashley Nordlund, Seconded by Craig Debbo, and Carried –**  
That the Minutes of the Sustainability Advisory Committee meetings held June 6<sup>th</sup> 2023 and July 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023, be confirmed as amended and filed.

### 3. Previous Action Items

- Staff did meet with the Committee on July 18, table found it very helpful and enlightening that staff are so committed to the Sustainability Action Plan.
- Discussions on the LOWSDA healthy shoreline program, where do we need to go from here with this information. Table discussions on how the City can better manage and maintain their shorelines. The Chair suggested that the Committee recommend or piggy back on LOWSDA’s shoreline cleanup program. Staff Resource to reach out to the Parks department and LOWSDA and discuss if there is any resources, they can provide us to implement our healthy shorelines program.
- Staff Resource inquired internally about the previous active transportation study that Councillor Moncrief suggested staff work from. There was no internal record of such a study and even if there was the data would be too outdated to work off of.
- Committee discussed having FreeCycle posters added to all City Bulletin Boards, transfer station flyers, an ask partners to share on their Social Media pages. Staff Resource shared that a radio advertisement closer to would be a good course of action as well to capture additional residents.



- Senior Leadership was not in agreement to have staff submit update reports to the Committee, this would be an increased and redundant work load. Staff Resource can facilitate staff providing annual updates if needed and circulate Council reports that would have updates pertaining to the SAP.

***Councillor Moncrief joined at 1:53pm***

#### **4. Science North – Kenora Climate Action Summit**

Science North reached out to this Committee to request involvement in their Youth Action Summit. The Chair spoke to the three levels of asks.

A member noted that wherever we can partner with Science North seems like a logical move. Discussions on how we can participate this year with the short notice and new committee members.

Staff Resource will create QR codes that scan to the Committee Page and SAP on the City Website for Science North to circulate at the Science Festival on September 23<sup>rd</sup>. The Chair has agreed to attend the September 20<sup>th</sup> event to speak to the SAP to the best of her ability, Councillor Moncrief will join if she has time.

Staff resource will follow up appropriately with Science North representatives.

#### **Moved By Rory McMillan, Seconded by Craig Debbo, and Carried –**

That the Sustainability Advisory Committee donate up to \$500.00 to the Pitch It Competition winner at the 2023 Science North Youth Climate Action Summit.

#### **5. Terms of Reference Amendment**

The Table discussed the proposed amendments and the rationale for them. Discussions from each member about their thoughts on these amendments. The Chair noted that there needs to be more communication with other partners, so we know where we can assist and what support is required.

#### **Moved By Craig Debbo, Seconded by Rory McMillan and Carried –**

That the Sustainability Advisory Committee hereby amends the Terms of Reference for the Sustainability Advisory Committee; and further

That the amended terms of reference be brought forward to Council at the September 13, 2023, Committee of the Whole Meeting.

***Lisa Devlin left at 2:33pm***



## **6. Budget Discussions**

In-depth discussions on how to move forward with budget decisions. The Chair reiterated there needs to be more of a lens on what partners are doing and how we can support them. Discussions on a potential 'call for proposal' situation, however this leaves the door open to too many asks that may not align with the SAP. The intention of the budget for this committee is to facilitate City initiatives towards fulfilling priority items identified via the SAP. Discussions about potentially carrying over 2023 budget into 2024. The next Committee meeting will be dedicated towards priority planning and establishing a plan forward with the budget.

## **7. Current Action Items**

- Member mentioned the detrimental forest fires within Canada. He noted he would just like this to be at the forefront of everyone's (Council and SLT as well) minds.
- Councillor Moncrief noted that there has been a request for a community garden at Central.
- Staff Resource to look into current Parks procedures for shorelines.

**8. Next Meeting** – Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 1:00pm.

**Adjourn Meeting** – The meeting adjourned at 2:55pm.