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### **Environmental Advisory Committee Annual Report**

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#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

1. That the Annual Environmental Advisory Committee Report provided as an attachment to the February 10, 2020 agenda report titled "Environmental Advisory Committee Annual Report", be received as information.
2. That Community Living Standing Committee recommend to Council that the Environmental Advisory Committee's Proposed 2020 Priorities on page 11 of the 2019 Annual Report provided as an attachment to the February 10, 2020 agenda report titled "Environmental Advisory Committee Annual Report", be approved.

#### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

The Environmental Advisory Committee (EAC) Bylaw 35/2015, requires that an annual report be submitted to Council. The EAC 2019 Annual Report provides a summary of the Committee's activities and written advice to Council during the year. This report also presents the EAC's proposed work plan and priorities for 2020.

#### **ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITY**

N/A

#### **ALIGNMENT TO SERVICE DELIVERY**

N/A.

#### **ALIGNMENT TO COUNCIL (OR COMMITTEE) DIRECTION OR MANDATORY STATUTORY PROVISION**

The EAC Bylaw 35/2015, provided as an attachment, requires that an annual report be submitted to Council.

On January 21, 2019 EAC presented their annual report for information and Council approved the EAC priorities:

- Recommend 2019 Environmental Initiatives Grant Program Recipients
- Provide advice on the environmental policies included in the Municipal Development Plan
- Provide advice on leadership opportunities in waste (Council priorities)
- Provide advice on the Parks Bylaw and Fire Bylaw reviews and PACE Bylaw development
- Provide advice on net zero neighborhoods

## BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION

The 2019 Annual Report provides a summary of the EAC's activities during the year and includes copies of any written advice provided to Council. The proposed 2020 priorities were discussed by the EAC at their November 28, 2019 meeting and are provided for Council's consideration.

The 2020 proposed priorities for the EAC are:

1. Recommend 2020 Environmental Initiatives Grant Program and Community Recognition Program (Environmental Stewardship Category) Recipients
2. Provide advice on the Environmental Master Plan (EMP) update
3. Provide advice on the Single Use Item Reduction Strategy
4. Provide advice on the Parks Bylaw and Fire Bylaw reviews and PACE/CEIP Bylaw development

The 3-year work plan was developed on Saturday, October 26, 2018 in a facilitated session of Committee members and Environment staff. The work plan was developed to provide a longer-term picture of the EAC's work load and identify potential priority areas for the next three years.

## STAKEHOLDER COMMUNICATIONS OR ENGAGEMENT

The EAC approved their 2019 annual report and proposed 2020 priorities at their November 28, 2019 meeting. The EAC includes seven representatives from the public and one Councillor. Non-voting representatives from various agencies, by invitation of the Committee, attend meetings and provide input and subject matter expertise.

The EAC has a webpage on the City website which includes links to the EAC Bylaw, the minutes of meetings and links to their Annual Reports.

## IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION(S)

### Financial:

None at this time.

### Legal / Risk:

None at this time.

### Program or Service:

The 2020 work plan and priorities are aligned with the Environmental Master Plan and scheduled work of the Utilities and Environment Department. If the priorities are significantly changed from what is proposed this could impact the programs and services provided by the Utilities and Environment Department.

Organizational:

None at this time.

## **ALTERNATIVES AND IMPLICATIONS CONSIDERED**

If Council does not wish to support the recommendation, the following alternatives could be considered:

Alternative 1.

Do not accept the recommended Environmental Advisory Committee priorities.

- Remove or add priorities with input from Council.

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