



To identify, for Saskatoon Chamber members, potential opportunities / threats / cool stuff (OTCs) that may impact individuals, businesses, or the community. These OTCs will normally not be actively promoted by other Chamber committees or business groups and tend to lie 8 months to 10+ years in the future.

COMMITTEE MEETING ACTION SUMMARY

Committee: Future Opportunities Committee

Meeting Date: May 10th 2016

Time: 7:30-9:00am

Location: Chamber of Commerce

Meeting Chair: Bill Brooks

In attendance: Bill Brooks, Erik Tetland, Mark Zielke

Staff: Kent Smith-Windsor, Czarina Catambing, Kevin Meldrum

Events in Saskatoon's Science and Technology Industry

- Meet the ILO
 - Presentations on ILO's involvement in health, agriculture, animal health, ICT, and engineering
 - Waterloo is the only university that doesn't own intellectual property from researcher
 - ILO receives \$10 million licensing revenue
- Build in Canada Innovation Program
 - Program from Innovation Saskatchewan that encourages startups commercializing their technology to sell their services/products to the government
- Powerpoints from two events will be sent out to the committee

Discussions on Current/Future Events

- Current approach to parking downtown is wrong
 - Make people pay more for congestion
 - Via Transportation Inc. is a viable solution and changes public transportation, not eliminate it

X Prize

- Transportation and health are two topics that the committee is interested in

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- Most X Prize competitions are technology-driven, so how are we can make it a competition to improve processes with minimal technology?
 - Hackathons are very similar
 - Calgary has a hackathon where participants were given city information and were asked to improve city logistics or processes
 - This idea can be used towards the library project and mass literacy
- Would there be another sector that need help to move into a next incremental level through X Prizes?
 - Food processing industry
 - Mark Pickard from InfraReady Products Ltd. acknowledged that there are significant innovations can be made in this industry during his presentation to the Agribusiness committee
- 3D Printing competition with Peachy Printer is another viable option because it deals with a local tech company and can engage the public
 - Erik will check with Rylan of Peachy Printer if it is a feasible project

Techworks Visit

- Techworks is Saskatoon's maker space
- Erik can arrange committee's visit to the site and will send out details about it

Next meeting:

Thursday, June 7th 2016

7:30am

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