

CITY OF AIRDRIE
ENVIRONMENTAL PROCUREMENT POLICY

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PURPOSE:

To integrate environmental performance considerations into all aspects of the City's procurement decision-making process and to reduce the environmental impact of the City's procurement practices to the greatest extent practical.

SCOPE:

The City of Airdrie recognizes its responsibility to minimize negative impacts on human health and the environment while supporting a diverse, equitable, and vibrant community and economy. The City recognizes that the types of products and services the City buys have inherent social, human health, environmental and economic impacts, and that the City should make procurement decisions that embody the City's commitment to sustainability.

It is the intent of this policy to integrate environmental performance considerations into all aspects of our procurement decision-making process and to reduce the environmental impact of the City's procurement practices to the greatest extent practical. This is to ensure that the City cost effectively procures, operates and disposes of its assets in a manner that protects the environment and supports sustainable development objectives. This policy is all encompassing and applies to the procurement of all products and services acquired by, or on behalf of, the City across all four stages of the procurement process, from planning and acquisition through use and disposal.

POLICY:

Environmentally preferable, green or sustainable goods and services are those that minimize, or provide favourable impacts on human health or the environment over the life cycle of the good or service when compared with competing products or services. More specifically, this comparison would include consideration of all phases of the product's life cycle, including raw materials acquisition, production, manufacturing, packaging, distribution, operation, maintenance and disposal, including potential for reuse or ability to be recycled.

Purchasing objectives will include acquisitions that:

- Conserve natural resources;
- Minimize environmental impacts such as pollution and use of water and energy;

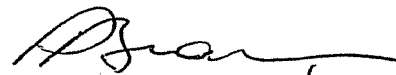
- Eliminate or reduce toxics that create hazards to workers and our community;
- Support strong recycling markets;
- Reduce materials that are put into landfills;
- Increase the use and availability of environmentally preferable products that protect the environment;
- Encourage manufacturers and vendors to reduce environmental impacts in their production and distribution systems; and
- Create a model for successfully purchasing environmentally preferable products that encourages other purchasers in our community to adopt similar goals.

By including environmental considerations in our procurement decisions, along with our traditional concerns with maintaining quality, functionality and cost competitiveness, we will remain fiscally responsible while promoting practices that improve public health and safety, reduce pollution, and conserve natural resources.

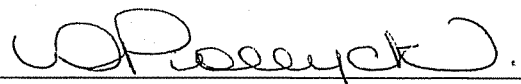
In coordination with the Corporate Planning Team, Procurement will have overall responsibility for this program. This will include establishing appropriate standards for green purchasing, assessing cost effectiveness and making recommendations related to acquisition strategies. Departments are responsible to exercise due diligence in their procurement decisions as well procurements made by their contractors and consultants, promoting the purchase and use of environmentally preferable products whenever cost effective, and to the extent practicable for all work completed on behalf of the City of Airdrie.

Nothing in this policy shall be construed as requiring a purchaser to procure products that do not perform adequately for their intended use, exclude adequate competition, or are not available at a reasonable price or in a reasonable period of time.

This policy is intended to identify those factors that shall be incorporated into procurement decisions and empower employees to be innovative and demonstrate leadership by incorporating sustainability factors into procurement decisions. While not all factors will be incorporated into every purchase, it is the intent of this policy that City employees will make a good faith effort to incorporate and balance these factors to the maximum extent possible.

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Mayor

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City Clerk