



CITY POLICY

POLICY NUMBER: C556

REFERENCE:

The Way Ahead: City Strategic Plan, 2009-2018
The Way We Green: Environmental Strategic Plan, 2006
Environmental Policy C512
Environmental Management System Policy C505
Conservation of Natural Sites Policy C467
Sustainable Building Policy C532
Diversity and Inclusion Policy C538
Respectful Workplace A1147
Purchasing of Goods, Services and Construction A1439
Purchasing Light Duty Vehicles A1451
Corporate Procurement Card Procedures

ADOPTED BY:

City Council
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SUPERSEDES:

New

PREPARED BY: Corporate Services Department

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TITLE: **Sustainable Purchasing**

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Policy Statement:

The City of Edmonton recognizes that through its engagement with the public market it has the power to bring about environmental and social improvements both locally and globally while maximizing economic benefits. The Sustainable Purchasing Policy is a framework for purchasing decision-making that will contribute to the City's strategic goals of *Preserving and Sustaining Edmonton's Environment* and *Diversifying and Strengthening Edmonton's Economy*.

The purpose of this policy is to align the City of Edmonton's purchasing practices with its goals of environmental, social, and economic sustainability by:

- Embedding environmental and ethical criteria into the City's purchasing procedures and supply chain management processes.
- Identifying and setting specifications for goods and services that achieve environmental benefits such as increased energy efficiency, reduced toxicity and pollution, carbon neutrality, zero waste and other environmental attributes, wherever possible.
- Using the core labour conventions of the International Labour Organization (ILO), Canadian laws and other applicable environmental and ethical standards to set reasonable minimum standards for Suppliers with respect to fair labour practices and human rights, thereby ensuring safe and healthy workplaces for the people who produce goods or supply services to the City of Edmonton.

- Rewarding leadership and innovation among Suppliers who contribute to healthy, fair and safe workplaces and practice environmental stewardship.
- Adhering to the principles of public procurement by continuing to support a process that is open, fair, transparent and competitive and complying with all applicable trade agreements such as the Agreement on Internal Trade (AIT) and the Trade, Investment and Labour Mobility Agreement (TILMA).
- Striving to reduce the overall consumption of goods and services where possible.
- Advancing a corporate culture at the City that recognizes and places a priority on sustainability.

Policy Scope:

This policy applies to the procurement of goods, services and construction by all Departments reporting to the City Manager and the Office of the City Auditor. Full implementation of the policy will be phased in over time.