

# Council Policy

## Sustainable Procurement



<b>Program Impacted</b>	<p>Strategy &amp; Business <i>The City of Edmonton's corporate processes are robust and helpful for integrated service delivery.</i></p> <p>Environmental Stewardship <i>The City of Edmonton's operations and service delivery sustains and conserves the environment.</i></p> <p>Project and Asset Management <i>The City of Edmonton's projects are well managed and assets are maintained for accountable service delivery.</i></p>
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### Statement

The City of Edmonton recognizes that every purchase can be leveraged to create economic, environmental and social impacts.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the City of Edmonton's procurement practices are open, fair and transparent and contribute to building and maintaining a healthy, prosperous and climate-resilient community.

### Guiding Principles

Administration will use the following principles for purchasing activities undertaken by the City of Edmonton.

- **Ethical Standards** - The City of Edmonton requires suppliers and their subcontractors to adhere to minimum standards related to ethical business practices. These ethical standards encompass minimum requirements related to: labour standards, employee treatment, wages and benefits, working conditions, and ethics standards. All suppliers entering into a procurement agreement with the City of Edmonton using a City standard form of agreement will agree to the terms of the City's Supplier Code of Conduct, as may be amended by Administration from time to time.
- **Environmental Sustainability** - The City of Edmonton will identify and integrate environmental sustainability requirements into purchasing procedures and supply chain management processes to advance the City's progress to achieving and maintaining climate resilience including emissions management, reduced pollution, energy efficiency and waste reduction.
- **Indigenous Procurement** - The City will create pathways for Indigenous businesses and the Indigenous community at-large to realize social and economic impacts through the City's existing purchasing needs. The Indigenous Procurement Framework, as may be amended by Administration from time to time, is intended to address barriers to and increase participation of Indigenous-owned businesses in the City's procurement processes. It is intended to apply to procurements across the corporation with the objective of removing barriers and building capacity within Indigenous businesses to more fully participate in City procurement processes.
- **Social Value Considerations** - The City of Edmonton will implement social value considerations for existing purchasing opportunities, provided any such social value considerations are consistent with the City's obligations under applicable trade agreements. Social value considerations will address social and economic issues that are descriptive in social impact outcomes related to employment, which may include living wage requirements, training and skills development, social value supply chain, and community development. The City of Edmonton will require all procurements for contracted services to include a requirement to pay a living wage, to all employees performing work in City facilities. The definition of living wage used in all procurements for contracted services is to be consistent with City Policy C612B Living Wage for City of Edmonton Employees.