



Policy Title: The City of Calgary's Environmental Policy
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BACKGROUND

The City of Calgary's Environmental Policy is the key policy statement establishing The City's commitment to environmental sustainability, and it applies to all City employees. Periodic review of the policy, and updating if necessary, is expected as part of maintaining The City's ISO 14001 registrations in good standing. The Environmental Policy was first approved in 1992, amended in 2001, 2007 and updated again in 2012 to reflect the changing needs of The Corporation.

PURPOSE

The Environmental Policy is a statement of The City's commitment to environmental sustainability, and is directly linked to implementing and maintaining The City's ISO 14001 environmental management system (EnviroSystem). It is intended to provide a guiding framework for developing and implementing policies and programs to meet regulatory requirements and ongoing and new environmental challenges.

POLICY

The City of Calgary is committed to achieving community environmental sustainability. The City will lead and inspire actions to conserve, protect and enhance the environment for all Calgarians and the regional community. The City will integrate environmental principles and performance objectives into all decision-making processes to enhance environmental sustainability for present and future generations. The City recognizes that environmental stewardship is a shared responsibility of government, business, communities and individual citizens.

The City of Calgary will:

- Integrate environmental considerations into all decisions and approvals relating to growth, planning, infrastructure, transportation and development.
- Develop and implement strategies to mitigate impacts promote conservation and minimize consumption of natural resources including land, energy and water.
- Develop and implement strategies to prevent pollution, protect and enhance the natural environment, reduce waste generation and respond to climate change issues.
- Ensure City operations, including work of contractors, comply with environmental legislation, standards and other environmental requirements.
- Enable citizens to reduce their environmental impact and contribute to the imagineCALGARY urban sustainability plan.
- Engage, innovate, and partner with other organizations and orders of government on programs and legislative initiatives to improve the environment.
- Continually seek out new ways to improve environmental performance, meet environmental goals and contribute to community sustainability.

PROCEDURE

The implementation of the Environmental Policy is established through The City's environmental management system.

The internal City communication tool for the Environmental Policy is the 3Cs:

1. Comply with applicable legislation.
2. Conserve resources and prevent pollution.
3. Continually improve our environmental performance.

AMENDMENTS

- Environmental Policy Statement first approved 1992.
- Amended Environmental Policy Statement approved 2001 December 05.
- The City of Calgary's Environmental Policy updated 2007 April 24.
- The City of Calgary's Environmental Policy amended 2012, June 11