

City of Mississauga

Corporate Policy & Procedure



Policy Title: Corporate Environmental Principles

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Policy Statement

The Corporation of the City of Mississauga is committed to fostering environmental protection, conducting its operations in an environmentally responsible manner and promoting awareness of environmental issues and initiatives.

Purpose

The Corporation recognizes the intrinsic value of the natural environment and has identified environmental management as an important corporate priority. The practice of environmental management provides a framework to manage an organization's environmental practices, processes and issues and to continuously improve its environmental performance.

The Corporation has adopted principles to fulfill its commitment to environmental protection and stewardship. This policy outlines those principles.

Scope

This policy applies to all employees. Each employee must understand his or her environmental responsibilities and act accordingly.

Environmental Principles

The Corporation's environmental principles can be grouped under the following three categories:

- Principles designed to foster regulatory compliance and promote due diligence
- Principles designed to foster corporate stewardship and environmental risk management, and
- Principles designed to foster environmental stewardship in the City

Regulatory Compliance

Compliance with environmental regulatory requirements and policies is fostered by:

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- Promoting regulatory compliance and having regard for government environmental policies and guidelines in planning, establishing and managing City facilities, including public lands
- Requiring that future development be undertaken in conformity with the environmental policies in the Official Plan
- Developing, maintaining and testing emergency and contingency response plans for environmental incidents
- Promoting awareness of the Corporation's environmental management approach to assist employees in fulfilling their environmental responsibilities, and
- Undertaking performance reviews and evaluations of operations to promote and verify adherence to environmental policies

Corporate Stewardship and Environmental Risk Management

Corporate stewardship and the minimization of environmental risks and hazards are promoted by:

- Identifying, assessing and managing environmental risks associated with City activities
- Reducing or, where possible, eliminating pollution at the source
- Designing, developing and operating City facilities to use energy and materials efficiently to minimize potentially adverse environmental effects and to responsibly dispose of residual wastes, and
- Considering the purchase of environmentally responsible products when cost effective and practical

Community Stewardship

The Corporation promotes community partnerships in achieving environmental stewardship in the City by:

- Encouraging awareness and understanding of environmental practices by employees, customers, suppliers and the public and being responsive to environmental concerns
- Seeking opportunities to develop partnerships with other governments, the private sector and the community to achieve environmental solutions, and
- Responding to business and intergovernmental programs and educational initiatives that enhance environmental awareness and protection in the City

Revision History

Reference	Description
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