

# CITY POLICY



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**SUPERSEDES:**  
**C556**

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**PREPARED BY:** Financial and Corporate Services

**DATE:** December 2, 2019

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**TITLE:** **Sustainable Procurement**

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**Policy Statement:**

The City of Edmonton recognizes that every purchase can be leveraged to create economic, environmental and social impacts. The Sustainable Procurement Policy provides a framework for City of Edmonton purchasing activities in order to create intentional positive environmental, social and economic impacts while maintaining open, fair and transparent procurement processes.

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**The purpose of this policy is to align the City of Edmonton's procurement practices to build and maintain a healthy, prosperous and climate-resilient community. The themes below will guide the application of the Sustainable Procurement Policy 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 minimization

- **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, training and skills development, social value supply chain, and community development.

**Policy Scope:**

This policy applies to the procurement of goods, services, construction, and intellectual property rights by all departments reporting to the City Manager and the Office of the City Auditor.