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## CITY OF *Lethbridge*

### ENVIRONMENT

#### PURPOSE

The Council of the City of Lethbridge has a broad mandate to provide good government, develop and maintain a safe and viable community, and to supply desirable and/or necessary services to the community. The purpose of this policy is to minimize Lethbridge's ecological footprint.

#### PERSONS AFFECTED

City Council/Employees/Special Purpose Bodies

#### POLICY STATEMENT

The City is committed to taking a responsible leadership role in the efficient use of natural resources.

#### RESPONSIBILITIES

City Council to:

- a. Approve City Council governance policies regarding environmental stewardship
- b. Inspire, lead, and support actions to conserve, protect and enhance the environment for the Lethbridge community
- c. Encourage and promote continuous improvement with respect to environmental goals and targets
- d. Increase public awareness of environmental issues and the actions the community can take
- e. Support efforts to minimize Lethbridge's ecological footprint by using natural resources efficiently

- f. Support efforts to conserve and enhance the unique character of the Oldman River Valley
- g. Recognize the importance of water to Lethbridge and the broader region, and the need to be involved in all aspects of watershed management and water conservation

City Manager to:

- a. Implement all City Council governance policies regarding environmental stewardship
- b. Create, review and approve any administrative policies regarding environmental stewardship
- c. Integrate environmental principles and performance objectives into all decision-making processes to enhance environmental sustainability
- d. Develop and implement strategies to mitigate impacts, promote conservation and minimize consumption of resources
- e. Seek out new ways to improve environmental performance by setting and reviewing environmental objectives and targets
- f. Ensure City operations, including work of contractors, meet or exceed environmental legislation standards as well as environmental objectives and targets

#### **DEFINITIONS**

- a. Special Purpose Body: means a City Council Committee or a Board, Commission or other body established under the legislative powers of the City of Lethbridge and includes any employees or volunteers of the Special Purpose Body
- b. Natural Resources: includes water, renewable and non-renewable energy sources, air quality, land, and natural environment

#### **REVISION/REVIEW HISTORY**

- May 11, 2015: New Document (Environment Policy)