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## CITY OF *Lethbridge*

### WASTE DIVERSION

#### **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 provide guidelines to encourage the efficient use of natural resources.

#### **PERSONS AFFECTED**

City Council/ Waste and Recycling

#### **POLICY STATEMENT**

It is the policy of the City of Lethbridge to:

- a. Protect and conserve resources
- b. Utilize resources efficiently to their fullest extent
- c. Maximize diversion and reduce per capita waste disposal
- d. Mitigate the long term liability of landfill sites
- e. Increase public awareness of environmental issues and resource conservation
- f. Citizen engagement and meeting customer expectations in the design & delivery of programs

#### **GUIDING PRINCIPLES**

The guiding principles for the program development are:

- a. Treat the waste stream as a waste with potential value
- b. Waste management hierarchy
- c. Financial sustainability
- d. Fully costed waste disposal
- e. Environmental Sustainability

## **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

City Council to:

- a. Approve the waste diversion and waste disposal targets for the residential sector, construction and demolition sector, and industrial, commercial and institutional sector as outlined in Schedule “A”
- b. Annually review and evaluate the program outcomes

Waste and Recycling to:

- a. Develop waste diversion and waste disposal targets for the residential sector, construction and demolition sector, and industrial, commercial and institutional sector
- b. Adopt the Triple Bottom Line (TBL) approach as a decision making tool that considers social, economic and environmental impacts in daily decisions and actions of the City
- c. Develop waste prevention practices to reduce the amount of waste generated
- d. Maximize diversion of recyclable and compostable materials
- e. Ensure fiscal sustainability by reducing the future need for waste disposal facilities
- f. Engage and inform customers in the community with education, outreach, recycling and clean up events and develop a community partnership network
- g. Develop a Corporate Environmental Plan to reduce negative environmental impacts that result from daily business operations of the City of Lethbridge
- h. Create targeted programming for all sectors in guidance with the Waste Diversion/Waste Prevention Master Plan
- i. Develop programming in the voluntary, economic, and regulatory phases:
  - i. Voluntary: programs focus on the education and awareness of waste diversion and encourages participation
  - ii. Economic: programs incorporate infrastructure enhancements and provide financial incentives or disincentives
  - iii. Regulatory: programs, often in the form of mandatory recycling and landfill bans, mandate participation and achieve the highest rate of diversion
- j. Report program outcomes to City Council annually

## **REFERENCES**

- Environment Policy CC51
- Integrated Community Sustainability Plan / Municipal Development Plan
- Waste Diversion / Waste Prevention Master Plan

## **REVISION HISTORY**

- July 20, 2015 – New Policy (Waste Diversion)
- June 25, 2018 – Changed Schedule “A”

## Schedule "A"

<b>Waste Disposal Targets</b>			
	<b>2013</b>	<b>2021</b>	<b>2030</b>
Residential	330 kg/capita	180 kg/capita	140 kg/capita
Waste Diversion %	20	50	65
Industrial / Commercial / Institutional	580 kg/capita	430 kg/capita	320 kg/capita
Construction Demolition	280 kg/capita	210 kg/capita	150 kg/capita
Waste Reduction %	0	25	45
Total	1,190 kg/capita	820 kg/capita	610 kg/capita
Waste Reduction %	0	30	50