



POLICY

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TITLE: Climate Change

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DEPARTMENT: Environmental Stewardship

POLICY STATEMENT

City Council recognizes that climate change has the potential for impact on the operations of the organization. Council and Administration commits to recognizing the impacts of the climate change and working to both mitigate and adapt to the changing climate.

REASON FOR POLICY

City Council has established values to guide its decision-making process and includes Environmental Responsibility as a core value of the Organization. “Our policies and decisions are environmentally sound. We consider the impact of our actions on the environment and lead by example.”

Natural Resources Canada, *From Impacts to Adaptation: Canada in a Changing Climate 2007* determined that adaptation is a necessary component to the reduction of greenhouse gas emissions in addressing climate change and building a more resilient economy. These actions help to reduce the physical impacts and costs to people, property and resources associated with a changing climate.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the objectives are incorporated into strategic planning, requests for proposals, contracts, and decision-making processes of Council and Administration.

DEFINITIONS

1. **Adaptation** refers to any activity that reduces the negative impacts of climate change and/or positions us to take advantage of new opportunities that may be presented.
 2. **Mitigation** refers to any activity that reduces or prevents changes in the climate system.
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RESPONSIBILITIES

Council or Committees will:

1. Recognize Climate Change when creating or approving plans or Requests for Proposals.

Administration will:

1. Include an “Environmental Impacts” section in all reports, RFP’s, plans and tenant contracts.