

## Environmental Policy



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### **PURPOSE**

In order to demonstrate recognition of the importance of the natural environment to the citizens of the City of Kenora.

The City of Kenora will create a culture of environmental awareness and action by striving for continuous improvement in the environmental performance of all departments, services and activities. The City of Kenora will also encourage and enable its citizens, visitors and businesses to adopt lifestyles of the lowest possible environmental impact while maintaining an excellent quality of life.

Accordingly, the City:

Shall accept applicable Federal and Provincial environmental legislation or regulations for Municipalities as the Minimum Standard for the Environmental Policy;

Shall provide the best possible opportunity to reduce, reuse and recycle materials;

Shall minimize the use of toxic chemicals and their release into the environment;

May review procurement policies that are ecologically sound and socially responsible;

May review the purchase of products for its normal operations which have the least adverse impact on the environment;

Shall act promptly to correct any situations in the City of Kenora which poses a threat to the environment;

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May review sustainable design concepts for construction projects in the City of Kenora.

May review opportunities for individual citizens, organizations and businesses to learn how to be good stewards of the environment.

Shall maintain a strong commitment to environmental protection, sustainable growth and social values when considering future development in the City of Kenora.