

CITY OF SASKATOON COUNCIL POLICY

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POLICY TITLE <i>Triple Bottom Line Policy</i>	ADOPTED BY <i>City Council</i>	EFFECTIVE DATE <i>January 1, 2020</i>
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PREAMBLE/POLICY STATEMENT

Sustainability is the simultaneous pursuit of environmental health and integrity, social equity and cultural well-being, and economic prosperity and fiscal responsibility. Good governance is considered a key factor for the delivery, uptake, and success of sustainability outcomes. The City of Saskatoon is committed to enhancing the quality of life for its citizens by pursuing a holistic approach to sustainability by embedding environmental, social, and economic considerations in the City's decision-making processes.

1.0 PURPOSE

The purpose of this Policy is:

- a) To support and advance the vision and goals of City of Saskatoon's Official Community Plan;
- b) To incorporate a sustainable decision-making approach to the way in which the City of Saskatoon governs;
- c) To integrate a Triple Bottom Line perspective into the City of Saskatoon's policies, plans, projects, programs, services and actions; and
- d) To achieve multiple objectives and maximize benefits for the community through integrated decision making.

2.0 DEFINITIONS

For the purposes of this Policy:

- 2.1 "City Manager" means the person appointed as the administrative head of the City of Saskatoon pursuant to section 84 of *The Cities Act*.

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2.2 “Sustainable Decision Making” means supporting the needs and well-being of both present and future generations by upholding environmental integrity, equitable social systems, a just economy, and good governance.

2.3 “Triple Bottom Line” means an approach to sustainability whereby environmental health and integrity, social equity and cultural well-being, and economic prosperity and fiscal responsibility are integrated into decision making in a way that produces equitable solutions and mitigates undesirable trade-offs.

3.0 SCOPE/EXCEPTIONS

3.1 Scope

- a) This Policy applies to City Council and all City departments and offices.
- b) This Policy is subject to any specific provisions of *The Cities Act*, or any other relevant provincial or federal legislation, City bylaw, or collective agreement, which, in cases of conflict, shall override this Policy.

3.2 Exceptions

Unless otherwise directed, this Policy does not apply to any corporations wholly owned by the City of Saskatoon or statutory boards directly appointed by City Council.

4.0 GENERAL PRINCIPLES

4.1 In adopting this Policy, the City of Saskatoon recognizes that:

- 4.1.1 A sustainable community enhances the quality of life for current and future generations;
- 4.1.2 Sustainability is a shared responsibility of government, business, communities, and individual citizens;

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4.1.3 Sustainability will lead to and inspire actions to improve environmental integrity, equitable social systems, and a just economy in the community and region; and

4.1.4 Triple Bottom Line accountability requires taking responsibility for achieving environmental, social, cultural, and economic improvements through all of its actions and reporting on them openly and transparently.

5.0 RESPONSIBILITIES

5.1 City Council shall:

5.1.1 Where possible, ensure Council resolutions, bylaws, policies, and long-term plans align with this Policy;

5.1.2 Provide strategic direction on the City's approach to sustainable decision making; and

5.1.3 Approve amendments to this Policy.

5.2 The City Manager shall:

5.2.1 Where applicable, prepare reports to City Council and its Committees that identify Triple Bottom Line Policy implications;

5.2.2 Implement the Triple Bottom Line Policy by identifying resource requirements and where possible, establish goals, targets initiatives, associated administrative policies, procedures, and practices aimed at enhancing City operations;

5.2.3 Engage, innovate, and partner with other organizations and orders of government on programs and legislative initiatives to improve sustainability;

5.2.4 Continually seek out new ways to improve corporate and community sustainability; and

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5.2.5 Propose amendments to this Policy.

6.0 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Where appropriate, administrative reports to any Standing Policy Committee of Council, the Governance and Priorities Committee, any other Committee, or City Council shall include a Triple Bottom Line analysis or evaluation.

7.0 PROCEDURES

This Policy delegates authority to the City Manager, or designate, to develop any necessary implementation procedures or decision-making frameworks to ensure compliance with this Policy.

8.0 REVIEW AND AMENDMENTS

8.1 This Policy shall be reviewed five years after its enactment by City Council.

8.2 Notwithstanding subsection 8.1 and in accordance with subsection 5.2.3, the City Manager may propose amendments to this Policy prior to the review date.

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RELATED REFERENCES AND RESOURCES

The Cities Act

REVISION HISTORY

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