

MEMO

TO: Councilor Culhane, Chair
Belleville Green Team

FROM: Ms. Julie C. Oram
Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk

DATE: July 29, 2008


RE: Green Policy

6.2 & 8.a.1, Belleville City Council Meeting, July 28, 2008

This is to advise you that at the Council Meeting of July 28, 2008, the following resolution was **approved.**

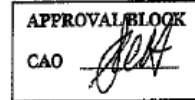
“THAT Council adopt Green Policy No. CC-004”

I trust this is sufficient.



Julie C. Oram, AMCT
Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk

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City of Belleville

CORPORATE SERVICES DEPARTMENT
Julie C. Oram, Director of Corporate Services/City Clerk
Report No. DCS-2008-10
July 28, 2008

To: His Workship Mayor Neil R. Ellis
And Members of City Council

Subject: Green Policy

Recommendation:

“THAT Council adopt Green Policy No. CC-004”

Background:

For the last several months, the Green Team has been collectively working on and developing the groundwork, in the form of a policy (attached) that would promote environmentally responsible decision making relative to the municipality’s operations and services.

The policy introduces the need for an “Environmental/Sustainability Action and Implementation Plan” that will identify and prioritize environmental and sustainability initiatives to be undertaken by the municipality. Through the strategic planning and budget process, staff will identify methods, procedures and funding sources that will help to realize the main goal of reducing the carbon footprint of the municipality.

The Green Policy confirms Council’s commitment to a strategic plan to manage that resources of the municipality today, to meet the needs of today and the future, without impacting future generations.

Financial:

Increased funding sources are being offered by both federal and provincial levels of governments, and various other agencies, many conditional on a larger share of the funding to be spent by the municipalities. Many applications for funding must be supported by business


plans, corporate planning documents, policies and procedures that support such things as energy reduction and conservation initiatives.

The costs will be identified through the yearly operating and capital budget and corporate business plan processes.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Julie Oram". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Julie" and last name "Oram" clearly distinguishable.

Julie C. Oram, AMCT
Corporate Services Director/City Clerk

		STANDARD POLICY		<i>DRAFT</i>
				S.P. #: CC004
SUBJECT: Green Policy		DEPARTMENT: Corporate Services		
COUNCIL AUTHORITY:		NEW: X		
		REVISED:		

1.0 PURPOSE AND BASIS:

The City of Belleville recognizes the importance of a healthy, sustainable environment, and is committed to fulfilling the Strategic Plan and Community Vision with regard to sustainability. The City will endeavor to preserve and green Belleville's environment while maintaining economical, social, cultural and community health. The City is dedicated to meeting the needs of the community today while ensuring a desirable future for following generations.

The purpose of this policy is to ensure the municipal decision making will endeavor to identify and prioritize environmental and sustainable and vibrant community through reduction of the "carbon footprint" of the municipality. In addition, it will identify implementation models, methods of measuring progress and potential external funding sources.

2.0 APPLICATION

This policy's emphasis will be on the City's corporate operations and services, and educating the public. Through the development of the Plan, policy and procedural gaps will be identified and new environmentally progressive municipal strategies as well as external funding and program opportunities will be considered. Proposed actions will positively impact the community at many levels.

3.0 SPECIFIC POLICY

The Plan will be considered a living document which will continue to evolve through the implementation of municipal best practices.

The Plan will be developed through Council, staff, public and stakeholder dialogue and engagement.

The Plan will look at all aspects of environmental and community sustainability, conservation and green economic development and procurement within our local municipality. It will outline approaches to implementing policies and programs as necessary to fulfill the goal of the Plan.

The Plan will support green policy directives such as the following examples where deemed appropriate:

1. A Green building Policy for the Construction of Corporate (City) Buildings
2. An ethical and Green Purchasing Policy
3. Urban Forestry & Tree Policy
4. City energy use strategy
5. Public transportation initiatives
6. Sewage and organic waste energy recovery programs
7. Household water conservation programs

4.0 LIMITATION:

The development of the Plan through this policy applies to the City of Belleville's corporate operations and services at the direction of Council and the Chief Administrative Officer and will be supported through the development of specific policies and procedures and funding to be approved by Council.

5.0 IMPLEMENTATION:

This policy shall become effective immediately upon approval by municipal Council.