



**Policy Title: SUSTAINABLE PURCHASING**

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## **POLICY**

The Municipality of Jasper has committed through the Jasper Community Sustainability Plan to becoming a more sustainable community and recognizes that its purchasing decisions provide significant opportunity in this respect. Sustainable purchasing reduces negative impacts on environmental and social systems, both locally and globally. The MOJ will move, to the extent possible and practical within budget and performance characteristics, to products and services that are more responsible to the environment in the way that they are manufactured, used, transported, stored, packaged and disposed of. It is recognized that products must be available at competitive prices. Consideration may be given to those environmental products that are certified by an independent accredited organization.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Municipality of Jasper demonstrates a commitment to environmental stewardship and values environmental integrity. Sustainable purchasing integrates social, environmental, financial and performance factors in a systematic way. It involves consideration of why a product or service is needed and assessing how these needs could best be met. Decisions can be made to move away from less sustainable products to products and services that are more sustainable in the long term.