



CITY OF PRINCE GEORGE POLICY

City Fleet Idling

Environment - Reduced Carbon Emissions and Adapt for Climate Change

Approved by Council: June 7, 2010

Purpose:

The City of Prince George Fleet Services Division manages an inventory of about 400 fleet units consisting of: passenger vehicles; pickup trucks; utility vehicles; large equipment for snow control and construction use; and a fleet of emergency vehicles for Fire Services and the RCMP. Vehicle and equipment exhaust emissions are major sources of pollutants that damage our environment and our health.

It is the policy of the City of Prince George to conduct its business operations in a manner that safeguards and sustains the environment. The City is committed to the implementation of a policy and associated procedures in order to reduce the unnecessary idling of vehicles used by the city operations, transit buses, contractors' equipment, and residents within the community. This policy will support government regulations and the spirit and intent of the Partners for Climate Protection Program and other City of Prince George partnerships. The policy is consistent with the City's commitment to its Integrated Community Sustainability Plan which includes environmental, social and economic sustainability.

Policy:

It is the responsibility of the manager of each operating division to establish and maintain procedures to support the intent of this policy statement and the following associated principles.

- Corporate Priority - recognize community environment and health as key determinants of sustainable development and recognize reduction in fleet idling as a corporate priority.
- Integrated Management – integrate this policy and these principles fully into divisional operational procedures as essential elements of fleet management.
- Process improvement - continue to consider community expectations and technical developments and improve operational procedures and environmental performance.
- Employee education - educate, train, and motivate employees to conduct their activities in an environmentally responsible manner in order to reduce fleet idling.
- Products and Services - develop and provide fleet units that: have no undue adverse environmental impact and are safe in their intended use; are efficient in their consumption of energy; and create a positive impact on the air quality within the community.
- Resident Advice - advise, and where relevant educate suppliers, residents, and partners, and the public in the effectiveness of a fleet idling program.
- Contractors and Suppliers - promote the adoption of these principles by contractors acting on behalf of the City; encourage improvements in their practices to make them consistent with those of the City; and encourage the wider adoption of these principles by suppliers and contractors.
- Compliance and Reporting - measure environmental performance; conduct regular environmental assessments of compliance with this policy and these principles; and provide appropriate information to appropriate audiences.