

<b>Selkirk College Policies and Procedures</b>		Number 4300	<b>Environmental Sustainability</b>	
		Replaces	New	
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Executive Responsibility	Administrative Responsibility	Recommended by Policy Review Committee		April 7, 2008
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### 1. POLICY PURPOSE

This policy articulates the College's commitment to responsible use of natural resources, and lists the areas in which sustainability concepts will receive consideration in decision making.

### 2. SCOPE/LIMITS

This policy applies to all employees of Selkirk College.

### 3. PRINCIPLES

Conservation of the natural environment and responsible use of natural resources are highly regarded at Selkirk College. Under the Selkirk College Strategic Plan, Environmental responsibility sustainability is listed as one of the College's core organizational values pillars of success.

We are Selkirk College is committed to implementing practices that promote a healthy natural environment: in its teaching activities, our administration, our facilities and operations, our funding allocations and our applied research priorities. The College is We are committed to reducing its ecological footprint and creating a culture of sustainability through its educational efforts.

**IN KEEPING WITH SELKIRK COLLEGE'S OUR VALUE SUSTAINABILITY PILLAR, THE COLLEGE WILL:**

- A. Incorporate sustainability concepts as a significant priority in Selkirk College decision making, including the development of operational policies.
- B. Encourage environmental responsibility and life-long sustainable practices among all members of the campus community.
- C. Seek alternative practices and procedures to minimize negative impacts of its operations on the environment.
- D. Wherever possible, incorporate principles of sustainability across the curriculum in all of its educational programming and applied research.

- E. Provide leadership to ~~the College's~~ communities on sustainable practices and operations.
- F. Incorporate a continuous improvement and adaptive management approach.

~~Selkirk College's~~ Our decisions and actions will be guided by ~~its~~Selkirk College's mission, vision, values and pillars of success and values statement, ~~s~~—reflective of the College's resources and capacity, and informed by the College's strategic plan. As a learning institution, ~~Selkirk College~~we recognizes that planning for sustainability will be an evolving and adaptive practice. Providing an opportunity for broad stakeholder (student, employee, and community members') participation is implicit.

This policy will inform the development of an environmental plan that will include goals, objectives and performance measures (criteria and indicators) in the following categories:

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| • <u>Paper Use</u>                       | • <u>Transportation</u>                        |
| • <u>Solid Waste Production</u>          | • <u>Development (Land and Resources)</u>      |
| • <u>Hazardous Materials</u>             | • <u>Finance and Financial Systems</u>         |
| • <u>Food (Purchase and Preparation)</u> | • <u>Education/Curriculum</u>                  |
| • <u>Energy Consumption</u>              | • <u>Environmental Health</u>                  |
| • <u>Water</u>                           | • <u>Purchasing/Procurement</u>                |
| • <u>Air Quality</u>                     | • <u>Campus Ecosystems and Land Management</u> |

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Other relevant Policies

Key Words

Ecology, Air quality, Environmental Health, Hazardous Materials