



TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL DISCUSSION ITEM

Committee: Regular Council

Date: April 29, 2025

Department: Clerk's

Topic: Amended Procurement Policy Including Buy Canadian Provisions - Draft

Background: During the Committee of the Whole – Community Development on April 7, 2025, staff was directed to draft a “Buy Canadian” Policy to bring forward at the next Regular Council Meeting for review.

This policy aims to prioritize Canadian suppliers and manufacturers for municipal procurement and to encourage diversification of global sources while remaining compliant with trade agreements. Staff have made the following recommended amendments to the current Procurement Policy by adding in the following provisions listed below, and highlighted **yellow** in the attached Procurement Policy (Bylaw No. 2023-51):

Section 3. Procurement Principles, Goals and Objectives

3.10 To encourage, whenever possible, the procurement of goods and services from Canadian companies and when unavailable to procure goods and services from global suppliers;

Section 4. Definitions

4.28 “Canadian Company”, means a supplier, manufacturer, or distributor that meets the following conditions and also aligns with the criteria set forth in the *Investment Canada Act*:

- a) Place of Business: The company maintains a physical location within Canada where it conducts its operations.
- b) Employment: The company employs or engages individuals in Canada who contribute to its business activities.
- c) Assets: The company possesses assets within Canada that are utilized in carrying out its business functions.

This has been brought forward for discussion, allowing for further direction to be given to staff should Council wish to see additional changes.



Interim Clerk