

TOWNSHIP OF EDWARDSBURGH CARDINAL ACTION ITEM

Committee: Committee of the Whole – Community Development

Date: April 7, 2025

Department: Clerk's

Topic: Implementation of a "Buy Canadian" Policy

Purpose: To seek Committee's approval for the adoption of a "Buy Canadian" policy.

Background: This policy will prioritize Canadian suppliers and manufacturers for municipal procurement and to encourage diversification of global sources. This initiative will also align with those of the Federal and Provincial leaders. This policy shall supersede certain clauses within the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal's procurement policy.

1. **Prioritization of Canadian Suppliers:** Staff will be directed to prioritize the purchase of goods and services from Canadian manufacturers and suppliers whenever possible. This policy aims to bolster the Canadian economy, support local businesses, and contribute to sustainable procurement practices.
2. **Global Alternatives:** In situations where Canadian products or services are unavailable, staff will seek suppliers from countries around the world. This approach will diversify our supply chain and promote broader international trade relationships.

Policy Implications: This policy shall supersede certain clauses within the current Procurement Policy and would encourage a broader look at suppliers and manufacturers.

Strategic Plan Implications: The focus on boosting the Canadian economy by creating this policy aligns with section 1.1 Improve Community and Economic Development.

Financial Considerations: The understanding that there is a possibility of receiving Requests for Proposals or quotes that have higher dollar amounts than normal or than what has been seen in the past.

Recommendation: THAT Committee direct staff to draft a "Buy Canadian" policy as outlined in this report; AND THAT the draft policy be brought forward to the next Regular Council Meeting of the Township of Edwardsburgh Cardinal for review.



Interim Clerk



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