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PRINCIPLE:

The Society maintains a commitment to keep Westshore residents happy and healthy both through direct mental and physical support, and through indirect management plans and practice.

West Shore Parks & Recreation Society (WSPRS) upholds a sustainable approach in all aspects of service to the community. Staff and management continue to determine and drive the technological change through financial commitment from our communities to update and innovate where needed for a more sustainable future.

POLICY:

West Shore Parks & Recreation will follow common trends and best practices by focusing on but not limited to these five key areas:

1. Reducing greenhouse gas emissions;
2. Reducing energy use;
3. Reducing waste generated;
4. Improving water efficiency; and
5. Greening the supply chain (i.e., asset and material management).

STRATEGY:

WSPRS recognizes development requires meeting the needs of today without compromising the needs of future generations; and improving the standard of living by protecting human health, conserving the environment, using resources efficiently and advancing long-term economic competitiveness. Best practices require integration of environmental, economic and social priorities into policies and programs and include:

Waste reduction practices that encompass digital control of mechanical energy management for finer control over our energy use.

Recycling waste products from all service areas on site.

Proper maintenance of programming and equipment to ensure efficient working order to make the most of our energy use.

Implementation of best practice policy through education of our programs to the public. All users will be informed of our intent and asked to participate to help us attain our objectives when using our facility.

Continuous support of initiatives and incentives that encourage sustainable practice, in-house and within the community.

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Purchasing green products to enhance our material management, giving preference to government and industry standard definitions.

Defining policies to identify hazardous chemical use and safety measures to ensure their restricted impact on the area, including partnerships with regulatory and enforcement bodies who specialize in limiting environmental impact.

Considering LEED standards and new technology geared toward a long-term sustainable approach during new builds and renovations, and giving preference to companies and suppliers with a waste management policy.

Providing energy audits every four (4) years to new builds and renovations to determine success and uncover potential new avenues for energy savings and conservation.

Establishing staff Initiatives that include education on best practice policy, and ensuring staff are integral and engaged.

Conducting ongoing research; being receptive to feedback and accommodating change to stay current and ensure continuous improvement.

Striving to follow Canada's lead to ensure that sustainability goals at WSPRS:

- Are aspirational;
- Take a long-term view;
- Address important challenges and problems;
- Remain attuned to environmental information, data and indicators;
- Encourage flexibility in the choice of strategies for achievement; and
- Reflect domestic and international priorities and commitments.

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