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**Subject:** Memo - Considering Animal Welfare in Vancouver's Procurement Policies

**Attachments:** Memo to Council - Animal Welfare (01204189-2xD3527).pdf

Good Afternoon Mayor and Council,

Attached is a memo to report on recommendations to update the City's Ethical Purchasing Policy (EPP) and Supplier Code of Conduct (SCC) as requested by Council at the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities of May 15, 2019:

1. THAT Council affirms a commitment to progressive animal welfare as part of any ethical purchasing policies by the City of Vancouver;
2. THAT staff review the City of Vancouver's *Ethical Purchasing Policy* and report back to Council with recommendations on how to incorporate animal welfare language into it;
3. THAT staff review the City of Vancouver's *Supplier Code of Conduct* to ensure that City suppliers and their sub-contractors will operate, where applicable, within recognized animal welfare accreditation standards, specifically but not limited to pest control, or animal related businesses.

The memo outlines the administrative changes to the policies, updating definitions and policy statements to fulfil this request.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact Patrice Impey at 604-873-7610 or [patrice.impey@vancouver.ca](mailto:patrice.impey@vancouver.ca).

Best,  
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Pronouns: he, him, his



*The City of Vancouver acknowledges that it is situated on the unceded traditional territories of the Musqueam, Squamish, and Tsleil-Waututh peoples.*

## MEMORANDUM

July 25, 2019

TO: Mayor and Council

CC: Sadhu Johnston, City Manager  
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FROM: Patrice Impey  
General Manager, Finance, Risk and Supply Chain Management

SUBJECT: Considering Animal Welfare in Vancouver's Procurement Policies

The purpose of this memorandum is to report back to Council on incorporating language into the City of Vancouver's Ethical Purchasing Policy (EPP) and Supplier Code of Conduct (SCC), as per the following Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities resolutions dated May 15, 2019:

- A. THAT Council affirms a commitment to progressive animal welfare as part of any ethical purchasing policies by the City of Vancouver.
- B. THAT staff review the City of Vancouver's *Ethical Purchasing Policy* and report back to Council with recommendations on how to incorporate animal welfare language into it.
- C. THAT staff review the City of Vancouver's *Supplier Code of Conduct* to ensure that City suppliers and their sub-contractors will operate, where applicable, within recognized animal welfare accreditation standards, specifically but not limited to pest control, or animal related businesses.

A review and research of practices and terminology used by other animal welfare leaders, large purchasers/suppliers of animal products, as well as direct consultation on scope and wording with the BC SPCA who is the recognized regional animal welfare expert, has been conducted for consideration for the City of Vancouver's Procurement Policies, specifically the EPP and SCC. Inclusion of new language will ensure that City suppliers and their sub-contractors will operate within recognized animal welfare best practices, such as Five Freedoms (which is an internationally recognized standard).

The EPP, in conjunction with the SCC, are applicable to all City procurements and can be specifically referenced when animal products, services or supplies are purchased to ensure the humane treatment and welfare of animals under human control, including their basic necessities, are maintained through the production and supply chain.

Incorporating animal welfare into the EPP aligns with Vancouver being a world class leader in procurement practices as well as demonstrating the City's commitment to healthy cities/communities and healthy ecosystems. This also aligns with the Environmental Framework for Municipal Operations, Greenest City Action Plan and Social Planning food strategies.

The Environmental Framework for Municipal Operations was adopted in 2011 and established environmental goals to guide staff efforts to improve the City's own environmental performance and to lead the way on green issues. One of the goals is Healthy Eco-systems: "Become a world leader in preserving and restoring natural habitats by minimizing pollution, conserving natural resources, and regenerating ecological and local food systems."

The EPP and the SCC have been reviewed and the following language updates and additions have been changed to the definitions, policy statements in the EPP, and introduction in the SCC:

### Ethical Procurement Policy (AF-014-01)

#### DEFINITIONS

**Animal** means free-living or captive non-human vertebrates, including but not limited to deer, rodents (eg. mice, rats), coyotes, deer, raccoons, mink, raptors, reptiles, and farm animals or livestock (e.g. chickens, cattle, pigs, goats);

**Higher Animal Welfare Standard** means a standard of care for Animals above legal minimum requirements as established by recognized independent or third party certification or accreditation entities that ensures the ethical and Humane treatment of Animals under human control during their life and death (e.g. transport, housing, care, slaughter);

**Humane** means the treatment of Animals to ensure: (i) they have quality of life, as measured by evidence-based animal welfare standards for their species; and (ii) death is painless, quick, causes least overall harms and is justified; and

**Pests** means any insect or animal that poses a measureable health or safety risk to City of Vancouver property or personnel; and

**Pest Control** means Animal related services to preventing or managing Pests, which may include providing insect extermination and/or wildlife and rodent control by using other Animals (eg. raptors or dogs).

## POLICY STATEMENTS

The City of Vancouver will:

- commit to a Higher Animal Welfare Standard in its treatment of Animals;
- ensure that the procurement of Animal products and services includes: (i) Humane treatment and a Higher Animal Welfare Standard for Animals under human control; and (ii) obligations on vendors to ensure the basic necessities of Animals are maintained through the production and supply chain;
- contract services and work with Animal related businesses, such as Pest Control, which meet recognized standards for treatment of Animals.

## Supplier Code of Conduct

### INTRODUCTION

An additional objective of the SCC is to affirm the City of Vancouver's commitment to progressive animal welfare as part of any purchase of animal related goods or services contracted to animal businesses.

### **Animal Welfare**

City suppliers and their sub-contractors will ensure:

- Humane treatment and a Higher Animal Welfare Standard for Animals under human control;
- the basic necessities of Animals are maintained through the production and supply chain; and
- Animal related businesses, such as Pest Control, meet recognized standards for treatment of Animals.

These changes will be effective August 1, 2019 as per Council direction from the Standing Committee on Policy and Strategic Priorities resolutions dated May 15, 2019.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at 604-873-7610 or [patrice.impey@vancouver.ca](mailto:patrice.impey@vancouver.ca), or Alexander Ralph at 604-829-2092 or [alexander.ralph@vancouver.ca](mailto:alexander.ralph@vancouver.ca).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Patrice Impey', written in a cursive style.

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