

# City of Dawson Procurement Policy # 14-02

# 1. Policy Statement

The City of Dawson Council directs the operation of the municipality through its approved programs and policy. The purpose of this policy is to establish purchasing guidelines to ensure the most cost effective and cost efficient methods are used to purchase goods and services for the municipality in the manner approved by Council.

#### 2. Guiding Principles

The following principles will guide the procurement practices of the City of Dawson:

- (a) Procurement policy provides a direction for the expenditure of funds to complete the programs approved by Council in the annual Operating and Capital Budget.
- (b) Procurement policy and procedures should provide the most cost efficient and cost effective methods to purchase and dispose of all goods and services for operations of the City of Dawson.
- (c) The procurement process is to be open, fair, and consistent.
- (d) The City of Dawson utilizes a "triple-bottom line" methodology for determining procurement strategies. Therefore the total cost of acquisition is to be considered when making purchasing decisions or recommendations.
- (e) Procurement methods are to encourage competitive bidding for the supply of goods and/or services.
- (f) To use suppliers, who can be expected to provide satisfactory performance, based on: (i) performance
  - (ii) previous contracts
  - (iii) financial and other resources to complete the contract bid upon
  - (iv) references
- (g) To encourage opportunities to partner with the business community to provide services to and for the City of Dawson in a cost effective and cost efficient manner.
- (h) To procure necessary goods and services with due regard to the preservation of the natural environment and to encourage suppliers to supply goods incorporating recycled materials where practical.

#### 3. General

- (1) This policy applies to all Business Units over which the City of Dawson has jurisdiction.
- (2) The City of Dawson will be under no obligation to accept the lowest bid or any bid received in response to a verbal or written request.

(3) The City of Dawson may remove a supplier name from consideration for a contract for up to one year based on poor performance or non-performance on a contract.

# 4. Procurement Methodology

The appropriate method of procurement shall be determined as follows, unless waived by approval of Council, or as a result of a bona fide emergency situation, as defined in *Bona Fide Emergency* Section.

- 1. All Purchases with the exception of Proposals for Consulting Services:
  - a. Formal public tenders or requests for proposals all transactions anticipated to be greater than \$20,000.00;
  - b. Quotations (solicited from specified suppliers) all transactions between and including \$2,000.00 to \$20,000.00. Quotations for transactions up to \$15,000.00 may be waived by authorisation of the CAO.
  - c. Transactions up to \$2,000.00 will be left to the discretion of Departmental Managers or authorised delegates.
- 2. Proposal for the Purchase of Consulting Services
  - a. Formal public proposal for all transactions anticipated being greater than \$30,000.00.
  - b. Quotations (solicited from specific suppliers) for all transactions between and including \$10,000.00 to \$30,000.00. Quotations for transactions up to \$20,000.00 may be waived by the authority of the CAO.
  - c. Transactions up to \$10,000.00 to be left to the discretion of the departmental managers or authorised delegates.

# 5. Bona Fide Emergency

"Bona Fide Emergency" for the purposes of this policy includes the development of:

- 1. A situation which may endanger the health and/or safety of any City employee or member of the public; and/or;
- 2. A situation that may jeopardise City property and/or assets or property and/or assets of members of the public.

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#### 6. Delegation of Authority.

The CAO has the authority to delegate signing authority to others but this authority may not be redelegated. The Delegation of Authority form attached as Appendix 1 shall authorize this delegation.

#### 7. Awarding of Contracts

1. Where budgeted, all *capital expenditures* shall be approved as follows:

Total Purchase Amount	Approval Authority
\$5,000 or less	Department Head
\$5,001 to \$15,000	Chief Administrative Officer
\$15,001 and above	Council

2. Where budgeted, all contracts for items other than capital expenditures shall be approved as follows:

Contract Detail	Approval Authority
Any contract in excess of \$50,000 per annum	Council
Any contract for consulting services in excess of \$25,000.	Council
Any contract (except consulting services) between \$5,001 and \$50,000	Chief Administrative Officer
Consulting Contract \$5,001 to \$25,000	Chief Administrative Officer
Consulting Contract \$5,000 or less	Department Head

**3.** Notwithstanding the approval authorities noted above, Council may, by resolution, establish specific approval requirements for an individual project or transaction.

# 8. Disposal of City Assets

The CAO or authorised delegate shall provide authority for all disposal reports. Disposal of City assets, provided they have not been deemed garbage, shall be made either via a public bidding process or as directed by City Council. The CAO may approve donations to bona fide non-profit organisations up to an estimated value not to exceed \$2,000.00. Requests for donations exceeding this amount shall be recommended to Council for authorisation.

# 9. Local Purchasing Preference

- 1. In considering tender results, the City of Dawson shall support the procurement of local services by authorizing local procurement in the following circumstances:
  - Where the value of the transaction is under \$1,000 and the prices are within 5% of each other.
  - Where the value of the transaction is between \$1,000 and \$7,500 and the prices are within 4% of each other.
  - Where the value of the transaction is between \$7,500 and \$25,000 and the prices are within 3% of each other.
  - Where the value of the transaction is more than \$25,000 and the prices are within 2% of each other to a \$10,000 maximum difference in bids.
- 2. To stock in inventory those goods required on a timely and/or repetitious basis, local purchasing shall be supported.

# 11. Appendixes

Appendix "A" – Delegation of Authority Form

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