

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

Background:

The Division is committed to fostering policies, practices and educational programs that will protect and preserve the environment.

Procedures:

1. The Division shall endeavour to purchase “environmentally friendly” products providing the highest possible level of health, safety and performance.
2. The Division shall endeavour to operate school facilities and equipment in the most energy efficient manner consistent with human needs for safety and comfort.
 - 2.1. The Division encourages employees to practice energy conservation measures.
 - 2.2. The Director of Facility Services or designate shall keep in order a monitoring system of energy utilization.
 - 2.3. Efficient use of energy and water shall be considerations for renovations, new construction and operations.
3. The Division encourages and supports initiatives to reduce, recycle and reuse waste materials and responsible disposal of hazardous waste.
4. The Division supports staff development initiatives designed to advance environmental awareness, environmental education and care for the environment within each department’s annual budget allocations for training and development.
5. The Division shall promote local habitat conservation and improvement on Division-owned properties, where possible.
6. All new school facilities, additions to facilities and renovation projects shall meet, at minimum, the prescriptive sustainable requirements as noted above. All projects shall be certified to a minimum LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) silver rating.

Reference:

Section 52, 53, 68, 197, 204, 222, 225 *Education Act*
Occupational Health and Safety Act
Public Health Act