

1.2.2 ENVIRONMENTAL RESPONSIBILITY

A. BOARD POLICY STATEMENT

"The College of the Rockies values a safe, healthy, caring, supportive and enjoyable environment which includes honoring diversity, social equality, and a balanced lifestyle. In its role as an educational institution, an employer, a corporate citizen and a property manager, the College of the Rockies also recognizes that it has a unique obligation and responsibility to conduct its activities in an environmentally sound and economically sustainable manner. "

"The College of the Rockies is concerned about the quality of the natural environment, and supports the concept of "sustainability". The College of the Rockies realizes that its academic and operational activities can have significant impacts on the environment, the community, and the economy. The College believes it should take a leadership role in environmental management under the guidance and direction of its Board of Directors."

- Approved by the Board December, 1996

B. PROCEDURES

B.1 Goals and Objectives for Sustainable Development

B.1.1 Definition

Sustainable Development is the prerequisite for the survival of any organism or society. It calls on human society to find ways to "**meet the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.**" To achieve this state, the College will continue to evaluate its educational opportunities and institutional practices, in the hopes of creating and implementing alternatives which enhance rather than jeopardize the viability of our ecosystem.

B.1.2 Foundation

The College of the Rockies shall strive to conduct its activities and operations in ways that do not cause inappropriate degradation of the environment, and uphold the concept of "sustainability". The foundation of the College's environmental procedures shall include the following:

1. The College will encourage its employees to demonstrate environmental stewardship.
2. The College will manage its buildings and grounds in ways that are environmentally sustainable and encourage the community and business owners to do the same.
3. The College will, by example, demonstrate its commitment to ensure its operations are as environmentally sustainable as allowed by technology, economics and common sense.

B.2 **Environmental Committee**

B.2.1 The College shall establish a permanent environmental committee reporting to the College Planning Committee, which shall operate according to its Terms of Reference.

B.3 **Corporate Responsibility**

B.3.1 The College shall take a proactive position on environmental issues within the College and communicate these effectively to businesses, government, and the public.

B.3.2 Partnerships may be created with business and industry to help achieve a healthy environment.

B.4 **Education and Community Involvement**

B.4.1 The College of the Rockies shall initiate and play an active role in educating the community on environmental issues and stewardship by setting an example through its operations.

B.4.2 The College of the Rockies shall promote and encourage environmental awareness and participation within the community.

B.4.3 The College will endeavour to provide adequate access to information related to environmentally sustainable practices and protection of the environment.

B.5 **Operations Recommendations**

B.5.1 Purchasing

Whenever possible or practical, preference will be given to those companies which demonstrate sound environmental practices, i.e., contractors, office suppliers, etc.

The College shall implement purchasing procedures that favor secondary (recycled), reusable, refillable, non-toxic and low waste materials whenever possible. Encouraging the use of recycled materials will help create a cost effective market for recycling.

B.5.2 The College shall review departmental and individual efforts in promoting and complying with environmental policy and regulations.

B.5.3 The College shall encourage activities/practices that promote a reduction in energy consumption and encourage conservation of all resources and materials

B.5.4 The College of the Rockies shall encourage more efficient use of transportation, which may include alternate modes of transportation, or telecommunications /electronic communications instead of transportation.

B.5.5 The College shall continue with and improve upon a recycling program, targeting all areas of waste as best possible.

B.6 **Disposal**

B.6.1 The College shall minimize the amount of waste it produces at the source, as well as providing adequate recycling facilities for use by college constituents and the community, and encouraging use of them.

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