

Air Protection and Conservation

DRAFT Objectives and Policies

Objectives

Improve air quality by reducing particulate matter levels, odour and other harmful pollutants

Policies

General

1. All development proposals that involve a change in zoning, subdivision, or amendment to a plan must undergo an environmental impact assessment that considers best management practice guidelines available from federal and provincial governments.
2. Maintain intergovernmental partnerships with senior levels of government to facilitate a “one-window” approach to planning and approvals.
3. Implement stewardship awareness programs, in cooperation with senior governments, local environment organizations and schools to increase public awareness and support protecting sensitive and important ecosystems.

Air Quality

4. Encourage all sectors (residential, commercial, and industry) to investigate and implement new technologies to reduce air pollutants.
5. The City will continue to work with the Regional District of Fraser-Fort George to identify new industrial lands outside of the Bowl area, and promote the use of best available technology in all new and existing industry.
6. The City shall encourage alternative modes of transportation by providing safe cycling and walking routes, public transit and car pooling.
7. The City will continue to promote the exchange of older woodburning appliances to those meeting CSA/EPA standards for emissions.
8. The City will continue to play an active role in and support the Prince George Air Improvement Roundtable (PGAIR) in its education, monitoring and research programs.
9. The City will implement new strategies to reduce road dust impacts on air quality.

10. The City should continue to research the possibility of implementing a zero-net cost Air Care program.
11. The City shall continue to review and update the Clean Air Bylaw as technology improves.
12. The City shall continue to promote programs that achieve net benefits to air quality and climate change.
13. The City should minimize the amount of traction material applied depending on weather conditions and subject to safety considerations.
14. The City should conduct more frequent sweeping and flushing of municipal streets and additional dust control on unpaved roads.
15. The City should establish guidelines and standards of paved commercial and public parking lots to mitigate the release of fine dust from sweeping and paving.
16. The City shall support PGAIR in the implementation of their Phase 3 air quality plan

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