

ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY



THE VANCOUVER CONVENTION CENTRE IS COMMITTED TO DELIVERING INSPIRING AND SUSTAINABLE EVENT EXPERIENCES FOR OUR CLIENTS, GUESTS AND COMMUNITY.

The Vancouver Convention Centre will endeavour to focus efforts and best practices in the following areas: Staff Management, Communication, Waste Management, Energy, Air Quality, Water, Procurement and the Community.

STAFF MANAGEMENT

The Vancouver Convention Centre commits to engage and educate all employees about their roles and responsibilities in fulfilling the sustainability vision, objectives and goals of the facility. Collaboratively and creatively, we strive to continually improve our efforts.

COMMUNICATION

The Convention Centre strives to engage stakeholders regarding our environmental practices. By informing, educating, and working together, our programs are stronger and more effective in meeting our goals. As part of this commitment, we will maintain accurate and transparent reports on our environmental performance and share those with our clients, employees, suppliers and the public, upon request.

WASTE MANAGEMENT

The Convention Centre commits to continue to reduce, reuse and recycle materials produced by our operations, attendees and clients.

ENERGY CONSERVATION

Through our efficient building design, conservation best practices and preventative maintenance, the Convention Centre strives to optimize potential efficiencies in energy consumption.

AIR QUALITY

The Convention Centre is committed to addressing and improving air quality within and surrounding the facility. Areas of focus include anti-idling policy and enforcement, smoking policies, alternative transportation, and management of volatile organic compounds and hazardous air pollutants.

WATER QUALITY AND CONSERVATION

The Convention Centre continually identifies ways to improve the efficiencies of water consumption. Of most significance is the blackwater treatment plant. This advanced system recycles all water consumed by the facility and is then reused. In addition, staff and attendees are encouraged to adhere to water conservation best practices.

ENVIRONMENTAL PROCUREMENT

The Convention Centre has adopted a written procurement policy developed to address and consider environmental and ethical impacts, and adhere to the stated goals of the facility's Environmental Policy. Whenever possible, purchases are prioritized on regional, organic and sustainable materials, as well as vendors who consider their environmental impact and support the mission of the Convention Centre.

COMMUNITY

The Convention Centre will act as a steward for the environment and leader within the local community. This includes creating opportunities for staff involvement, educating stakeholders and participating in programs, which contribute to the overall sustainability goals of the City of Vancouver.