



Regional Board Policy

GREEN VEHICLE AND EQUIPMENT POLICY

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PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose of this policy is to make progress towards carbon neutrality in RDCO corporate operations. This policy applies to all vehicles and equipment owned and/or operated by the Regional District of Central Okanagan (RDCO).

POLICY

Definitions

Alternative Fuel means a fuel that can power a motor but does not include petroleum-based fuels. Examples of alternative fuels include biofuel, hydrogen, electricity, methane, and natural gas.

Board means the duly elected and appointed officials of the Board of Directors of the Regional District of Central Okanagan.

CAO means the individual appointed by the Board to the position of Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) as the head of Administration.

Green Vehicles and Equipment means managing vehicle and equipment life cycle activities with a focus on sustainable outcomes, including the reduction of GHG emissions.

Life Cycle Activities means the planning, acquisition, operation, maintenance, and disposition of assets.

Management or Manager(s) means a person or group of persons employed by the Regional District having executive (administrative or supervisory) authority.

Rightsizing means finding the optimal size required to perform the necessary function(s).

Policy Statement

As a signatory of the B.C. Climate Action Charter, the Regional District of Central Okanagan is committed to reducing the amount of greenhouse gas emissions produced by the vehicles and equipment used in the delivery of RDCO services.

This will be achieved by:

- Incorporating alternative fuel vehicles and equipment into operations where financially and technically sustainable;
- Rightsizing vehicles, equipment, and overall fleet size; and
- Conducting all fleet and equipment life cycle activities in a manner supporting efficiency and return on investment while reducing petroleum use.

RESPONSIBILITIESResponsibilities of the Board

- To review and adopt this policy in order to provide direction for staff regarding future vehicle and equipment life cycle activities.

Responsibilities of the CAO and Management

- To champion and enforce the adoption of this policy across the organization in order to support its success. This includes:
 - Requesting and allocating the appropriate level of financial resources required to support this policy;
 - Developing and implementing administrative policies and procedures in support of this policy; and
 - Providing staff with the education necessary to maintain and operate alternative fuel vehicles and equipment.

RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES, AGREEMENTS AND/OR BYLAWS:

- B.C. Climate Action Charter
- RDCO Strategic Plan 2019-2022
- Regional Growth Strategy, Bylaw No. 1336
- RDCO Purchasing Policy No. 7.20
- RDCO Vehicle Engine-Idling Policy Resolution No. 68/04
- RDCO Fleet Procedures

*** END OF POLICY ***

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