

THE CORPORATION OF THE
CITY OF WHITE ROCK
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POLICY TITLE: POLYCHLORINATED BIPHENYLS (PCB's)

POLICY NUMBER: OPERATIONS / ENG. - 622

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<i>Originating Department:</i> Engineering and Municipal Operations	<i>Date last reviewed by the Governance and Legislation Committee:</i> November 18, 2019

Policy:

Polychlorinated biphenyls are known to be a hazard to humans and the environment. However due to budgetary and resource constraints the City will not conduct a facilities audit for PCB's. The City will rely upon reports of observed identification of PCB hazards by members of the public or City staff and will respond within three (3) working days to reduce or eliminate the hazard associated with PCB's. The City is committed to the orderly elimination of PCB's once identified and has adopted the following.

- An inventory will be kept of all existing equipment owned or used which is known to contain PCBs, such as transformers, capacitors, and hydraulic systems.
- The area or equipment containing PCBs will be clearly identified and labelled to warn of the danger.
- Identified areas will be kept free of the storage of combustible materials and in no event be closer than ten (10) metres to any combustible material.
- If the threat of spreading fumes through any air conditioning system or ventilation system exists, either remove the product or material to a location where spreading through ducts is eliminated, or if that is not possible install an automatic and manual shut off system that would close ducts and prevent fume spread in the event of an emergency.
- If the possibility of contamination through drainage exists, eliminate by removal to an alternate site where the risk is lower.
- In the event of an incident involving PCB's the Municipal Emergency Program procedures will be followed.

Rationale:

The City of White Rock wishes to demonstrate that balanced against the nature and quality of the risk involved, the City of White Rock's system of Polychlorinated biphenyls Inspection / Maintenance is reasonable in light of all circumstances including budgetary limits, available personnel and equipment and the criteria of wanting to meet the standard duty of care.