Sole Source Activity - Summary

Table 5 compares the sole source activity in 2009 to the City's overall purchasing activity for the year.

Table 5 -Comparison of 2009 Sole Source Purchases to Total Overall Purchases in the City for 2009

	# of Purchase Orders, Blanket Contracts, Divisional Purchase Orders	\$ Value of Purchase Orders, Blanket Contracts, Divisional Purchase Orders
Total Purchasing Activity in 2009	42,216	\$1,539,294,960
Sole Source Activity in 2009:		
Processed by PMMD & Divisions	1,876	\$68,625,158
	(4.4% of Total Purchases)	(4.5% of Total Purchases)
Approved by Council	19	\$26,113,009
TOTAL Sole Source Activity	1,895 (4.5% of Total Purchases)	\$94,738,167 (6.2% of Total Purchases)
Instances where goods or services were received and a purchase order or blanket contract had to be issued after the fact	74 (0.18% of Total Purchases)	\$1,537,251 (0.10% of Total Purchases)

In 2009, the City purchased over \$1.5 billion in goods and services, and only a small portion of that related to sole source purchases (6% of the total dollar value of purchases was sole sourced, and 4.4% of total number of purchases). From the total value of sole source purchases, \$1,537,251 or 0.10% was for sole source purchases where goods have already been received or work has already been completed.

A survey of 20 other Canadian municipalities and the Province of Ontario was undertaken by PMMD to compare sole source purchasing activity. Only four (4) responses were received (Peel Region, City of Edmonton, City of Ottawa and City of Winnipeg). Of the responses received, the percentage of dollar value of sole source purchasing activity compared to their total purchasing dollar ranged from 5% to 35%. The City of Toronto is in the lower range with 6.2% in 2009.