

**City Council**

**Notice of Motion**

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| MM6.23 | ACTION |  |  | Ward: All |
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**Indigenous Procurement Policy - by Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor James Pasternak**

*\* Notice of this Motion has been given.*  
*\* This Motion is subject to referral to the General Government Committee. A two-thirds vote is required to waive referral.*

*The Chief Procurement Officer, Purchasing and Materials Management Division has submitted a supplementary report on this Item (MM6.23a without recommendations).*

*A Revised Member Motion was posted on May 10, 2023.*

**Recommendations**

Councillor Dianne Saxe, seconded by Councillor James Pasternak, recommends that:

1. City Council direct the Chief Procurement Officer, in consultation with the Director, Indigenous Affairs Office and the General Manager, Economic Development and Culture, to co-develop an Indigenous Procurement Strategy with Indigenous businesses and communities and present to City Council on progress towards developing the Strategy no later than the third quarter of 2024.

**Summary**

The City of Toronto is an important customer for local businesses, but small and diverse businesses find it disproportionately challenging to provide goods and services to the city. This has been especially true for First Nations, Inuit and Métis businesses. Fostering Indigenous procurement and prosperity is a part of the City of Toronto’s Reconciliation Action Plan, in particular Action 20: Improve Indigenous Economic Development. The RAP was unanimously endorsed by City Council in April 2022 and guides the actions that the City of Toronto will take to advance truth, justice and reconciliation.

In February 2014, City Council directed staff to explore [options for amending City procurement processes and policies](#) to encourage and/or require hiring of people from Indigenous communities for City contracts.

In May 2016, Council adopted [the Social Procurement Policy and Program](#), administered by Purchasing and Materials Management Division, as part of Toronto’s Poverty Reduction Strategy. The Policy aims to embed supply chain diversity and workforce development initiatives within the City’s Procurement Processes to drive inclusive economic growth. While this policy speaks generally to Indigenous procurement, it does not set out specific targets or tactics for Indigenous procurement.

Other municipalities are also exploring Indigenous procurement approaches; for example, in February 2023, the City of Regina set a new benchmark for such policies with an [Indigenous procurement policy](#) which sets a long term goal of growing Indigenous procurement to 20 percent of city procurement.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

Revised Member Motion MM6.23

(May 9, 2023) Supplementary Report from the Chief Procurement Officer, Purchasing and Materials Management Division on Indigenous Procurement Strategy (MM6.23a)

(<https://www.toronto.ca/legdocs/mmis/2023/mm/bgrd/backgroundfile-236438.pdf>)