



CORPORATE POLICY MANUAL

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POLICY

The District of North Vancouver supports the Natural Step Framework (Attachment 1) and has adopted the following as guiding objectives in its long-term strategic planning:

1. To take the necessary actions over time to eliminate our community's contribution to fossil fuel dependence and to the wasteful use of scarce metals and minerals;
2. To take the necessary actions over time to eliminate our community's contribution to dependence upon persistent chemicals and wasteful use of synthetic substances;
3. To take the necessary actions over time to eliminate our community's contribution to encroachment upon nature, meaning: land water, wildlife, forests, soil and general ecosystems; and
4. To take the necessary actions over time to meet human needs fairly and efficiently.

REASON FOR POLICY

The Natural Step Framework is a methodology for successful organizational planning, developed by The Natural Step. It enables organizations to create optimal strategies for dealing with the present-day situation, by incorporating a perspective of a sustainable future. Today's perception of what can be achieved never determines the direction of change, solely its pace. This results in investments and activities that not only move the organization toward sustainability, but also maximize short-term profitability and long-term flexibility. The Natural Step Framework has helped many organizations around the world proactively embrace sustainability as a strategic opportunity rather than an unknown liability.

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