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## MEDICINE HAT COLLEGE BOARD OF GOVERNORS POLICY MANUAL

### EL-12 Environmental Policy

<b>POLICY NAME:</b> Environmental Policy	<b>POLICY NUMBER:</b> EL-12
<b>POLICY TYPE:</b> Executive Limitations	<b>DATE APPROVED:</b> 16 February 2016 <b>DATE REVIEWED:</b>

Medicine Hat College is expected to operate in a manner consistent with the principles of good environmental citizenship and resource use. To meet this objective the President shall ensure ongoing education for the College Community on environmental issues and be financially responsible when making environmental decisions.

Accordingly, the President shall not:

1. Allow the College to violate any applicable laws, regulations or bylaws relating to the environment.
2. Fail to regularly monitor the environmental performance of College operations and to deal with areas of identified concern or risk.
3. Fail to develop effective contingency plans for reasonably foreseeable environmental emergencies.
4. Fail to deal with environmental infractions in a timely and efficient manner.
5. Fail to be aware of and to minimize to the extent reasonably practicable the adverse environmental impact of College operations and facilities.
6. Fail to use energy efficient systems in new construction and projects, where cost effective and practical.

7. Allow any major acquisition that does not take into consideration environmental sustainability.
8. Permit College operations that do not support the principles of “*reduce, reuse, recycle and recover*”, wherever practical.
9. Allow activities that have the potential to destroy or severely impair the natural environment or ecosystems, and where appropriate, the inclusion of environmental sustainability principles in the content and delivery of College programs and instruction.
10. Fail to promote and encourage environmental awareness amongst the College community.
11. Discourage reasonable, on-campus activities that are organized for the purpose of promoting environmental conservatism and sustainability.
12. Fail to ensure that responsibility for environmental matters is clearly assigned.
13. Fail to advise the Board in a timely manner of any environmental infractions or emergencies.