



# County of Wetaskiwin No. 10 Municipal Policy

Department:

Policy No.

12.4 Purchasing

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Title Withdrawal of Patronage

## 1. Policy Statement:

- 1.1. The County recognizes that persons, corporations, private entities or other businesses or parties wishing to engage the County in legal pursuits for damages or benefits, do so at the expense and detriment of the residents; therefore, deem it correct to withdraw their patronage from such parties or supporting them in such a manner as to provide resources to further fund such legal pursuits.
- 1.2. This Policy also applies to a situation where the County has named persons, corporations, private entities or other businesses or parties in legal pursuits.

## 2. Guidelines:

- 2.1. In the event the County, its servants, agents, contractors, successors, assignees and licensees, are named in a legal suit seeking compensation or presented with a demand letter setting out the sender's intention to pursue further legal action:
  - 2.1.1. For any matter for which the plaintiff or suing party did not provide a service, or
  - 2.1.2. For any matter for which the service provided did not meet the terms and conditions of a contractual agreement, duly executed by all parties, or
  - 2.1.3. For any matter or activity undertaken by the County for which the County took all reasonable action necessary to protect the resources, properties and holdings of the County, and for which the County did not act in a negligent manner,
- 2.2. Administration shall advise Council within a reasonable time of receipt of a demand letter or a statement of claim.
- 2.3. The County shall:
  - 2.3.1. Immediately cease all business dealings with the person, persons, corporations, private entities or other businesses or parties, (the "parties") including but not limited to the purchasing of goods and services from the parties.
  - 2.3.2. Remove the parties from all tender or purchasing lists, including Invitations to Tender or Requests for proposals.
- 2.4. This withdrawal of patronage shall remain in effect until such time as the County deems it practical and in the best interests of the residents to commence business activities with the parties.
- 2.5. This Policy does not preclude the parties from receiving established services normally provided by the County to ratepayers or residents, including but not limited to, grading, snowplowing, garbage collection, water and sewer services, FCSS services, or other level of service.

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