

PURCHASING DEPARTMENT

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Purchasing Budget Summary



	2012	2011
PURCHASING WAGES	227,600	229,345
EXPENDITURES	13,500	10,500
TOTAL BUDGET	241,100	239,845

WAGES

Wages make up 95% of the Purchasing Departments budget.

STAFFING

Under the new reporting structure the Purchasing Department will increase from:

2 FTE CUPE and 1 FTE exempt to

(Clerical, Storekeeper/Buyer and Purchasing Manager)

- 5 FTE CUPE and 1 FTE exempt
- (4 Clerical, Storekeeper/Buyer and Purchasing Manager)

CORE FUNCTIONS

- To purchase all material, equipment and services for the City at the lowest price in a timely manner;
- To control and maintain adequate inventory levels for stock materials;
- To dispose of surplus and/or obsolete materials and equipment; and
- To match invoices, packing slips and purchase orders for payment.

NON-CORE SERVICES

- The Purchasing Secretary provides assistance to the Fleet Department regarding Work Orders.
- Although this may be a non-core task, it enables our Fleet Supervisor to monitor when services are required or repairs have been completed.
- The work orders also enable staff to provide detailed information for invoicing the RDOS and RCMP for maintenance of their fleet which generates revenue for the City.

STRATEGIES

- Strategies that will impact the operation of other departments are by having all purchases done through the Purchasing Department.
- Obtaining quote and ordering supplies and equipment for staff will make the most efficient use of staff's time and expertise.
- Requiring the use of Purchase Requisition forms will reduce the number of approvals and redundant paper flow.

EFFICIENCIES

- As done in 2011, inventory counts will continue to be completed during regular business hours eliminating the cost of overtime;
- Reduction in redundant paper flow saving staff time;
- Improved procedures to create further efficiencies;
- Reduction/elimination of vacation coverage with new reporting structure and cross-training staff; and
- Continue to work with valley municipalities to take advantage of group purchases.

CONCLUSION

The Purchasing Department strategies for 2012 are to continue to improve customer service as well as improve procedures to ensure maximum efficiencies.

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