International Airport Authority
Administration de l'aéroport international
Ottawa

GREENHOUSE GAS REDUCTION POLICY

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1.0 Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to implement a greenhouse gas reduction plan at the Ottawa International Airport and to continue on the path towards becoming a carbon neutral airport.

2.0 Background

Greenhouse gases (GHG) from all sources, and the effects of these emissions on Climate Change is an important issue in our society and the Airport Authority has a duty to prepare and implement effective greenhouse gas reduction strategies. This policy should result in a reduction in the Airport Authority utility costs and will ensure that the Authority is prepared for any future federal/provincial GHG reduction policies.

3.0 Policy

Rather than purchasing Carbon Credits to reduce the apparent carbon footprint of the Airport Authority, equivalent funds will be earmarked on an annual basis for use in GHG and energy-reducing projects in order to identify and accomplish genuine reductions in emissions at the airport.

Under this policy

3.1 The Airport Authority targets an annual reduction of 1 % intensity reduction from 2016 to 2025. The Airport Authority will strive to accomplish this goal through new technology, government programs and incentives, and replacement of systems at the end of their life.

3.2 Funds will be made available to the Environmental Services department on an annual basis, the minimum sum to be equivalent to the cost of the purchase of the GHG carbon offsets for OMCIAA *(note: roughly $100k to $250k in the upcoming years)*. These funds will be earmarked for GHG reducing projects which could include infrastructure, research, testing or other types of projects with an end goal of reducing airport GHG emissions.

3.3 The Airport Authority will ensure that all future projects and vehicle acquisitions take greenhouse gas emissions into account as part of cost estimates and budgeting, such that increased emissions are counted as increased costs, while emissions reductions are counted as savings or cost reductions, as appropriate. *Note: the typical target project payback is between 5-7 years.*

4.0 Audit

Annual reporting, which will be included in the Environmental Performance Report, will be completed, describing which projects have been undertaken, the monies spent, and the changes in GHG emissions and/or energy use.

5.0 Responsibilities

5.1 Board of Directors

(a) Approval of the policy
(b) Ensure the implementation of the policy

5.2 Major Infrastructure and Environment Committee

(a) Review and recommend the policy
(b) Oversight of the implementation of the policy

5.3 Management

(a) Implement the policy
(b) Review and update the policy as required to be presented to the Committee
(c) Monitor government changes and requirements for greenhouse gases

5.4 Employees

(a) Assist in the reduction of greenhouse gases by bringing forward potential GHG reduction projects and as directed by the policy and management.

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