

## 2014.8 PROCUREMENT FOR COMMUNITY BENEFIT & POVERTY REDUCTION

**Whereas:** The Province of Manitoba and Manitoban municipalities purchase significant amounts of goods and services, while social enterprises and co-operatives use a business model to create community benefit: creating jobs, reducing poverty, providing community services, renewing communities, and building a fairer, stronger, and more sustainable local economy.

**Whereas:** Increasing purchases from social enterprises and co-operatives will scale up their impact and their intended economic, social, and environmental outcomes.

**Whereas:** The procurement policies and practices of the Province of Manitoba and Manitoban municipalities would be greatly enhanced by building into a procurement process an effective valuation of social, environmental, and economic benefit through Community Benefit Clauses.

**Whereas:** The Province of Manitoba has committed to sustainable procurement in the Sustainable Development Act, committed to purchasing from Aboriginal businesses through the Aboriginal Procurement Initiative, created the Community Economic Development Policy Framework and Lens, committed to poverty reduction through the *Poverty Reduction Strategy Act*.

**Whereas:** Shifting purchases and contracts to social enterprises and co-operatives will result in greater return on investment to government and society, and will result in more jobs for people with barriers to employment, poverty reduction, increased community services, community renewal, and fairer, stronger and more sustainable economies and environments.

### **Be It Resolved That:**

CCEDNet - Manitoba urge the Province of Manitoba, City of Winnipeg, and other Manitoban municipalities to implement a procurement strategy that takes into account the added economic, social and environmental value of purchasing through the weighted inclusion of Community Benefit Clauses in contracts and purchases.

### **Be it Further Resolved:**

CCEDNet - Manitoba urge the Province of Manitoba to immediately implement a procurement strategy targeting social enterprises that create jobs for people facing barriers to employment.