



Purchase or Disposition of Real Property

Issue Date: November 1, 2004

Revised Date: May 2010, and November 29, 2012

Authority:

The Crown Corporations Act, 1993
CIC Board Minute # 211/2012

Applicability:

The policy applies to CIC, its subsidiary Crown corporations, and wholly-owned subsidiaries incorporated under *The Business Corporations Act*.

Purpose:

This policy has been prepared to ensure that the real property transactions carried out by the CIC Crown sector remain accountable and transparent to the Government, the Legislature and the public, regardless of whether they are carried out through a Crown corporation directly or indirectly through its subsidiaries incorporated under *The Business Corporations Act* or otherwise.

Policy Statements:

CIC, CIC Crown corporations or designated subsidiary Crown corporations will interpret subsection 31 in *The Crown Corporations Act (1993)* as follows:

Any Crown corporation, designated Crown corporation or wholly owned subsidiary of a Crown corporation wishing to purchase or dispose of real property with a value which is above that which has been established for each Crown corporation through Order-in-Council must seek the approval of the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

- Refer to Appendix A for an example of the wording of an Order-in-Council requesting approval of a real property transaction where the purchase or sale price is above the value fixed by the Lieutenant Governor in Council.

Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation (SOCO) and Saskatchewan Government Insurance (SGI) have been granted the following special considerations relevant to this policy:

SOCO

Given the nature of its property management activities, SOCO's normal business operations may be unduly impeded by the common threshold limit. Under the *Saskatchewan Opportunities Corporation Act*, SOCO has a legislated \$5 million threshold for capital construction projects.



SGI

The \$1 million Order-in-Council approval threshold applies ONLY to real property transactions that occur within SGI's normal business operations. Any real property transactions that occur within SGI's investment portfolio would be excluded from the \$1 million threshold referred to in this policy as it would be too restrictive and ineffective.

Background:

In July 2005 the CIC Board approved a standard, Order-in-Council approval threshold of \$1 million for the acquisition and disposition of real property and directed Crown corporations to amend relevant legislation (as other legislative changes were made) to allow for the setting of the transaction limit by the Lieutenant Governor through Order-in-Council.

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Appendix A

An example of the wording of an Order-in-Council would be as follows:

On the recommendation of the undersigned, the Lieutenant Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Executive Council, orders that [Crown] is authorized to [purchase/sell] the following property from [purchaser/vendor] for a [purchase/sale] price not to exceed [\$_____] exclusive of adjustments.

Surface Parcel: _____

Reference Land Description: _____

Location: _____