

Procurement and Expense Procedures

In 2011, the Ontario Government issued three directives to all Broader Public Sector (BPS) organizations — a Procurement Directive, an Expenses Directive and a Perquisites Directive. BPS organizations are publicly funded organizations that receive operational funding from the Ontario Government. The Children's Aid Society of Ottawa is a BPS organization.

The purpose of the **Procurement Directive** is:

To ensure that publicly funded goods and services, including construction, consulting services, and information technology are acquired by BPS organizations through a process that is open, fair, and transparent;

To outline responsibilities of BPS organizations throughout each stage of the procurement process; and

To ensure that procurement processes are managed consistently throughout the BPS using the approved **Supply Chain Code of Ethics**

The purpose of the **Expense Directive** is:

To set out the requirement for the designated BPS organizations to establish expense rules where expenses are reimbursed from public funds.

The purpose of the **Perquisites Directive** is:

To set out the requirement for the designated BPS organizations to establish rules on perquisites where these are provided through public funds.

The rules apply to any person in a designated BPS organization, including the following:

appointees,

board members,

elected officials (e.g. school trustees), and

employees.

The Children's Aid Society of London and Middlesex, along with Ontario's Children's Aid Societies implemented the Directives on April 1, 2011.