



SIOUX LOOKOUT
Meno Ya Win
HEALTH CENTRE

Bill S-211: An Act to enact the Fighting Against Forced Labour and Child Labour in Supply Chains Act

Entity Attestation report – May 31, 2024

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BACKGROUND/CONTEXT

New federal legislation, Bill S-211 An Act to Fight Against Forced Labour in Supply Chains aims to eliminate forced labour and child labour in Canadian supply chains and will directly impact large Canadian businesses including healthcare to comply with mandatory criteria including annual reporting obligations.

This Act took effect on January 1, 2024 and serves to implement Canada's international commitment to contribute to the fight against forced labour and child labour. Under the Act, certain government institutions that are producing, purchasing and/or distributing goods in Canada or elsewhere and other Entities will be mandated to report on parts of their supply chains where forced labour might be occurring, including measures they are taking to prevent and reduce the risk that forced labour or child labour is used by them or in their supply chains.

Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre's (SLMHC) would meet the defined applicability of this Act. SLMHC's first report will be filed on or before May 31, 2024 to Public Safety Canada <https://www.publicsafety.gc.ca/cnt/cntrng-crm/frcd-lbr-cndn-spply-chns/prpr-rprt-en.aspx>

ABOUT SIOUX LOOKOUT MENO YA WIN HEALTH CENTRE

We are a fully accredited 65-bed hospital and a 21-bed extended care facility. Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre (SLMHC) acknowledges we are built on the sacred land and traditional territory of the Lac Seul Ojibwe Nation, where we provide health services to all residents of Sioux Lookout and the surrounding area the First Nation communities in our region.

Our care recognizes the culturally diverse patient relationship and the physical, emotional, mental and spiritual aspects of the person. We embrace a holistic approach to healthcare. Patients and families have the option of integrating traditional and modern medicines and practices. We recognize and respect the cultural and linguistic significance of the people whose health care is entrusted to us.



Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre conducts all procurement in a manner that is competitive and promotes fairness, openness and is transparent. It is an expectation that all staff shall follow the Business Code of Ethics pertaining to procurement and to be conducted in a manner that is in line with the Broader Public Sector Accountability Act (BPSAA) and Procurement Directives (BPSPD) and adheres to the hospitals and Ontario Broader Public Sector (BPS) Supply Chain Code of Ethics for the procurement of goods and services as follows:

Ontario Broader Public Sector (BPS) Supply Chain Code of Ethics

Goal: To ensure an ethical, professional and accountable BPS supply chain.

I. Personal Integrity and Professionalism

Individuals involved with Supply Chain Activities must act, and be seen to act, with integrity and professionalism. Honesty, care and due diligence must be integral to all Supply Chain Activities within and between BPS organizations, suppliers and other stakeholders. Respect must be demonstrated for each other and for the environment. Confidential information must be safeguarded. Participants must not engage in any activity that may create, or appear to create, a conflict of interest, such as accepting gifts or favours, providing preferential treatment, or publicly endorsing suppliers or products.

II. Accountability and Transparency

Supply Chain Activities must be open and accountable. In particular, contracting and purchasing activities must be fair, transparent and conducted with a view to obtaining the best value for public money. All participants must ensure that public sector resources are used in a responsible, efficient and effective manner.

III. Compliance and Continuous Improvement

Individuals involved with purchasing or other Supply Chain Activities must comply with this Code of Ethics and the laws of Canada and Ontario. Individuals should continuously work to improve supply chain policies and procedures, to improve their supply chain knowledge and skill levels, and to share leading practices.

SLMHC is committed to ensuring that our supply chain processes do not include the procurement of any goods and services where forced labour and child labour occurs in in any part of the production process and we have committed to actioning the necessary steps to ensure that our supply chain processes are in place to avoid this.

WHAT'S ALREADY BEEN DONE AND NEXT STEPS

1. SLMHC's procurement policies and procedures and standards MM.1.000 have been updated to include legislation related to Bill S-211
2. On Thursday, April 4TH, 2024 a presentation of this new legislation was given to the entire SLMHC Management Team outlining the ACT and the requirements and expectations including resource references. Follow up information sessions were provided to the front-line procurement staff.
3. Our Shared Service Organization, Mohawk MedBuy Corporation (MMC) has updated both their RFP and contract templates to incorporate appropriate language focused on preventing and reducing the risk of forced or child labour being used by suppliers or in their supply chains.
4. MMC will be developing and implementing applicable training for all Sourcing staff.
5. SLMHC will comply with the reporting requirements annually on May 31st to the Minister of Public Safety.
6. To support hospitals in their reporting requirements, MMC will provide an attestation letter related to MMC's applicable scope related to hospital supply contracts indicating MMC's compliance with the requirements of Bill S-211.

REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

Every entity that meets the criteria set out above must submit an annual report, on or before May 31 of each year, to the Minister of Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness (Minister). In accordance with Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win's MM.1.000 Procurement Policy and Procedures Standards reporting pertaining to this Act will be submitted annually.



ATTESTATION

In accordance with the requirements of the Act, and in particular section 11 thereof, I attest that I have reviewed the information contained in the report for the entity or entities listed above. Based on my knowledge, and having exercised reasonable diligence, I attest that the information in the report is true, accurate and complete in all material respects for the purposes of the Act, for the reporting year listed above.

Full name: Dean Osmond

Title: President & CEO

Date: May 14, 2024

Signature: 

I have the authority to bind Sioux Lookout Meno Ya Win Health Centre