

# Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87

## Action Request

**Meeting:** Committee of the Whole Meeting  
**Meeting Date:** February 21, 2023  
**Originated By:** Al Hoggan, Chief Administrative Officer  
**Title:** Policy No. 1.006 Financial Assistance for Victims of Fire Policy – Amendment

### **PROPOSAL**

Administration has prepared an amending draft of Policy No. 1.006 Financial Assistance for Victims of Fire Policy to clarify the criteria for approving payments to victims of fire and bring the criteria more in line with Council's intentions for the program.

### **DISCUSSION**

Policy No. 1.006 Financial Assistance for Victims of Fire Policy grants an immediate, one-time bursary to qualifying victims of fire. However, another clause in the policy also requires the CAO to conclude the fire was not considered unlawful or suspicious.

Administration is proposing to remove the former statement for the following reasons:

- It conflicts with Council's desire to make the payment available immediately following the fire; and
- The CAO does not have the expertise to determine whether a fire is considered unlawful or suspicious.

Other proposed amendments to the policy are meant to add clarity for administration of the program.

Attached for the Committee's review:

- Appendix A: Policy No. 1.006 Financial Assistance for Victims of Fire Policy with amendments

### **REFERENCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

N/A

### **REFERENCE TO PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL LEGISLATION**

N/A

## **BUDGET IMPACTS**

Funding for this program comes from the *Council Grants to Individuals and Non-Government Organizations* budget.

Annual funding for the program will vary depending on the number of fires eligible for payment.

## **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the Committee recommends to Council adopting the amended Policy No. 1.006 Financial Assistance for Victims of Fire Policy, as presented.

## **OPTIONS**

1. THAT the Committee recommends to Council adopting the amended Policy No. 1.006 Financial Assistance for Victims of Fire Policy, as presented.
2. THAT the Committee recommends to Council adopting the amended Policy No. 1.006 Financial Assistance for Victims of Fire Policy, with additional amendments, as directed.
3. THAT the Committee requests Administration to revise amended Policy No. 1.006 Financial Assistance for Victims of Fire Policy, as directed, and bring it back to a future meeting for consideration.

## Report Approval Details

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Attachments:	- Appendix A-Policy 1.006 Financial Assistance for Victims of Fire Policy.pdf
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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

Stephanie Severin