



Municipal District of Bonnyville No. 87

Request for Decision (RFD)

Meeting: Regular Meeting of Council
Meeting Date: July 9, 2024
Originated By: Al Hoggan, Chief Administrative Officer
Title: M.D. Seniors Transportation Grant Program

PROPOSAL & BACKGROUND

In past years the M.D. Seniors Transportation Grant Program has been managed by the Bonnyville and District FCSS with funding provided by the municipality. Administration is proposing that this grant program be managed in-house effective immediately. Attached is an updated draft of Policy No. C-1.005 Seniors Transportation Grant Policy with revisions to reflect the MD's management of the program for Council's consideration.

DISCUSSION ON BENEFITS, DISADVANTAGES & OPTIONS

Over the years, M.D. Council has allocated a portion of money towards a program to assist seniors in attending medical related appointments and procedures outside of the M.D. boundaries. In 2024 the M.D. Council has allocated \$50,000 towards the Seniors Transportation Grant.

In the past this grant was managed by the Bonnyville and District FCSS and payments were made to the applicants through the FCSS. Recently there have been changes at the Bonnyville and District FCSS and Administration believes the program may be better served through in-house management. Managing this program in-house will lessen the "red tape" for applicants by allowing M.D. staff to directly provide the service, and Council will have direct access to policy and governance control of the allocated funds.

Attached for Council's review

- Appendix A: Draft Policy No. C-1.005 M.D. Seniors Transportation Grant Program Policy
- Appendix B: Draft Revised Grant Application Form

REFERENCE TO STRATEGIC PLAN

N/A

REFERENCE TO PROVINCIAL/FEDERAL LEGISLATION

N/A

COSTS & SOURCE OF FUNDING

\$50,000 approved in the 2024 Operating Budget

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

Communications will advertise the change in both print and digital media. Press releases will begin immediately upon Council approval of the new policy.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDED ACTION

THAT Council approves transitioning the management of the municipal Seniors Transportation Grant Program from the Bonnyville and District Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) to M.D. Administration and furthermore that Council adopts new Policy No. C-1.005 M.D. Seniors Transportation Grant Program Policy, as presented, to be effective on August 1, 2024.

COUNCIL OPTIONS

1. THAT Council approves transitioning the management of the municipal Seniors Transportation Grant Program from the Bonnyville and District Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) to M.D. Administration and furthermore that Council adopts new Policy No. C-1.005 M.D. Seniors Transportation Grant Program Policy, as presented, to be effective on August 1, 2024.
2. THAT Council approves transitioning the management of the municipal Seniors Transportation Grant Program from the Bonnyville and District Family and Community Support Services (FCSS) to M.D. Administration and furthermore that Council adopts new Policy No. C-1.005 M.D. Seniors Transportation Grant Program Policy, with the following revision(s) _____, to be effective on August 1, 2024.
3. THAT Council refers the M.D. Seniors Transportation Grant Program report back to Administration for additional information regarding _____ and to bring it back to a future meeting of Council.
4. THAT Council accepts the M.D. Seniors Transportation Grant Program report as information.

Report Approval Details

Document Title:	Policy No. C-1.005 Senior Transportation Grant Program Policy - NEW-Revived.docx
Attachments:	- Appendix A-Draft Policy No. C-1.005 Sr Transport Grant Policy.docx - Appendix B-Seniors Transportation Grant Application Form-DRAFT.docx
Final Approval Date:	Jul 2, 2024

This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

No Signature found

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