



COUNCIL POLICY

Environmental Innovation Reserve Policy

C-2B.054

Section: 2.0 General Government and Administrative Services
- B. Finance

Authority: Council

Administering Department: Corporate Services

Statement

The Municipal District of Bonnyville (M.D.) is committed to prudent business practices that will enhance the M.D.'s financial health, improve financial flexibility, provide property tax stability, ensure the consistent provision of municipal services, and reduce the need for debt financing.

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to provide structure and clarity for the management of an Environmental Innovation Reserve to support the M.D.'s Financial Sustainability Plan and to take advantage of innovations for improved quality of our air, water and soil.

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy:

- (1) "Asset" means a present economic resource controlled by a public sector entity as a result of a past event(s) and from which future economic benefit is expected to be obtained;
- (2) "Asset Management Plan" means the tactical plan for managing the M.D.'s infrastructure and other tangible assets used to deliver an agreed standard of service;
- (3) "Chief Administrative Officer" (CAO) means the Chief Administrative Officer of the M.D. appointed by Council, or their authorized delegate;
- (4) "Council" means the duly elected Council of the M.D.;
- (5) "Environmental" means, in this context, the surroundings in which life exists. This includes both living and non-living components;
- (6) "Financial Sustainability Plan" means the plan that allows the municipality to sustain itself over the long term so that it is able to support its mission;
- (7) "Operating Reserve" means a reserve fund that is established by Council for a specific municipal purpose and is not mandated by the Province of Alberta;
- (8) "Pro Rata Basis" means the proportionate allocation of an amount. In this case, the greater the value of the reserve the greater the allocation of interest to that reserve.

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- (1) This policy is established by Council and administered by the CAO for the specific purpose of improving environmental assets.
- (2) Acceptable uses for the Environmental Innovation Reserve are:
 - (a) New construction;
 - (b) Infrastructure upgrade and/or expansion;
 - (c) Refurbishment or enhancement of existing assets;
 - (d) Other Council directed use of this reserve.
- (3) Acceptable revenue sources for allocation to this reserve are:
 - (a) Council approved annual budget transfers to reserve from operating;
 - (b) Other Council approved transfers to reserve;
 - (c) Annual allocation of excess investment interest earnings which are not required to fund the operating budget. Surplus interest will be allocated on a pro rata basis to this and other identified reserves, as per policy;
 - (d) Surplus funds from capital projects funded by this reserve;
 - (e) Contributions from other local or provincial or federal governments for future use;
 - (f) Contributions or donations from other sources.
- (4) Acceptable expenditure types for this reserve are:
 - (a) Council approved transfers from this reserve;
 - (b) Council approved capital plan budget funds for capital projects funded by this reserve.

Policy Review

Within four (4) years from date adopted / amended / reviewed.

For administrative use only:

Related Documentation: (plans, bylaws, policies, procedures, etc.)	Policy: Reserve Framework Policy (#C-2B.039)
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