


The Rural Municipality of Elton

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POLICY DESCRIPTION:

The Rural Municipality of Elton, over the years, has established a pattern of service delivery based on the philosophy of providing the ratepayers with essential service of top quality in the most cost efficient manner possible.

The present Council feels that this policy has been sound, acceptable to the ratepayers, and, so long as the present economic conditions persist, should continue.

Council believes that recreational facilities are an asset to the community but are not an essential service in which the Municipality should have a direct and ongoing financial input. We feel that the ratepayers in their respective communities should accept the responsibility for the operation and financing of these facilities at whatever level they feel they can afford.

There are three community facilities in three villages; Forrest, Douglas and Justice. In addition, several ratepayers utilize facilities in centers outside our boundaries, such as Brandon, Rivers, Rapid City, Brookdale, Minnedosa and Carberry. Should interest be expressed by the community centres within the municipality, Council would be open to the formation of a committee consisting of a representative from each of the community centres when dealing with financial requests.

Therefore, the policy of the Rural Municipality of Elton with regard to contributions to community centers in the Municipality is as follows:

- 1) Small annual operating grants may be provided to the three centers, as approved by Council during budget deliberations (subject to clause #6).
- 2) Capital funds and special events are dealt with on an individual request basis. Any funds approved under this clause must be used for the purpose for which they were approved and may not be used for a different project without prior approval by council.
- 3) Should the community centers desire or need to make major capital expenditures, particularly for replacement and repairs to existing or new facilities, and where they can demonstrate the ability to finance the major portion of these projects, and when detailed presentations are made to Council regarding details of work to be done, funds available, and funds projected to be raised etc., Council will consider each proposal on its merits and would consider some form of contribution.
- 4) Council must be advised of any capital expenditure(s) prior to the commitment of any capital expenditure greater than \$1,500.00, even if no funds are requested or required from Council. Due to potential Municipal responsibilities for outstanding accounts.
- 5) A permit must be obtained from Brandon & Area Planning District for any building improvements for the safety of users in a public building.
- 6) Grant requests must be submitted to the Rural Municipality of Elton by February 15 in each year.
- 7) A financial statement reviewed and approved by the executive board and bearing the signature of the President signifying said approval is required on an annual basis prior to release of any approved funds.
- 8) Final invoices for approved work must be submitted to the CAO and upon submission of the invoices any approved funds will be released, unless alternate arrangements satisfactory to Council are made.