

Public Donations Policy

RM of Buckland No. 491

Date of Council Approval: January 14th, 2013

Resolution Number: 05-2013

WHEREAS the RM of Buckland No. 491 wishes to establish a policy to guide decision-making in regards to applications for monetary donations from “for-profit” and “not-for-profit” entities and organizations - both within and external to the RM of Buckland - the following Draft Policy is submitted.

Policy Statement:

The purpose of this policy is to guide Council in the consideration of applications from ratepayers, residents, clubs or associations to access funds from the “Public Reserve Fund” and “Operational Funds”. See attached “Donations Policy Checklist” for each category of application.

The Public Reserve Fund has grown from subdivision applications where the developer has chosen to make a payment of cash in order to meet the requirements of the Planning and Development Act, 2007. Council has, in these instances, also agreed as to the cash payment amount.

Policy:

The funds in the municipal reserve are only to be used to assist in the creation and maintenance of public use endeavours on public or municipal reserves in the municipality.

A) Municipal or Public Reserve Lands and Properties:

Eligible applications shall include the following uses on lands designated as municipal or public reserve, where it is clear that the expenditure shall benefit the public as a whole and must be submitted in writing to Council:

- A public park, buffer strip or a natural area
- A public recreation area including playground equipment
- A building or facility used or by a charitable corporation as defined by The Non-Profit Corporations Act of Saskatchewan to enhance the quality of life in the RM of Buckland
- Public agriculture or horticultural use
- Any other specific or general use that the Minister may provide by legislation

B) Non-Municipal or Private Lands and Properties:

This category of applications is intended to include non-profit organizations both resident within the RM of Buckland and outside the RM of Buckland. This category of applications is only eligible for Operational Funds as budgeted annually by Council.

Applications which fall under the Saskatchewan Lotteries guidelines shall be referred to the Recreation Committee of Council.

Preference shall be given to projects that meet accessibility standards, or improve the quality of life for seniors or youth.

Applications received from non-ratepayer, non-resident, clubs and associations will have to demonstrate clearly how the use of taxes will benefit many ratepayers within the RM of Buckland before being considered.

Categories A and B:

- Donations may be funded for Capital, Renovation or Rejuvenation Projects and Commemorative Events.
- Donations will not be funded for Honoraria, Prizes, Awards, Wages of Organization, Taxes, Insurance, Conferences, Training and Individuals, etc
- All applications will be approved or denied based on Council's sole discretion.