



REPORT

To: Chair and Directors

Report Number: ADM-BRD-151

From: Rural Budgets Administration Committee

Date: March 11, 2021

Subject: Cemetery Grant Policy 0340-59

The following recommendation from the March 4, 2021 Special Rural Budgets Administration Committee meeting is being presented to the Regional Board for its consideration:

RECOMMENDATION: *[Corporate Unweighted]*

That the Regional Board adopt the amended Cemetery Grant Policy, which allows member municipalities who provide Cemetery Services in Electoral Areas B, C, D and E, to apply for a grant, and authorizes grant funds to be paid directly to recipients upon ratification by the Rural Budgets Administration Committee

BACKGROUND/RATIONALE:

At the November 12, 2020, Regional Board Meeting, the Board approved the following Rural Budgets Administration Committee recommendation:

MOVED, SECOND, CARRIED

That the Regional Board amend Cemetery Services Establishment Bylaw No. 839, 1993, to expressly authorize provision of grants to member municipalities that provide Cemetery Services to Electoral Areas.

In the process of amending the Cemetery Services Establishment Bylaw, staff reached out to the Ministry for pre-approval of the proposed changes. The Ministry indicated that the Bylaw did not need to be changed, as the Bylaw language authorizes the provision of grants to member municipalities as written.

The Cemetery Grants Policy needs to be amended to match the authorization given by the Cemetery Establishment Bylaw. This change will allow grants to member municipalities for cemeteries. Other changes being presented for consideration include the ability to issue the grant to all recipients after ratification by the Rural Budgets Administration Committee instead of by claim reimbursement.

The proposed revised Cemetery Grants Policy is attached. For convenience, all information being proposed to be removed has been stricken out. Additions to the policy are highlighted in yellow.

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS:

1. That the Regional Board provide further direction.

STRATEGIC PLAN RELEVANCE:

- ☒ Organizational Effectiveness
- ☒ Comprehensive Policy Review

Staff Initials:

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FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

COMMUNICATIONS CONSIDERATION(S):

If approved, the new Cemetery Grants Policy will be uploaded to the PRRD Web Page.

OTHER CONSIDERATION(S):

None at this time.

Attachments:

1. Cemetery Grant Policy 0340-59