



FIRE DEPARTMENTS GRANTS POLICY

1. PURPOSE

To establish a consistent and fair policy for the distribution of a grant to the volunteer fire departments.

2. OBJECTIVES

- (a) To identify on an annual basis the amount of funding that the Municipality will provide in grants to the Volunteer Fire Department sector.
- (b) To identify a mechanism to distribute the grant to the Volunteer Fire Departments.

3. GENERAL POLICY STATEMENTS

- (a) The Municipal Council shall determine annually as part of its budget deliberations the amount of funds to be provided to support the Volunteer Fire Departments.
- (b) In order to qualify for a grant under this policy a fire department shall:
 - i. Be registered with the Municipality pursuant to section of 294 the Municipal Government Act as a fire department, and
 - ii. Provides primary firefighting service response to properties located within the Municipality, and
 - iii. An agreement on payment for service has not been reached between the Municipality and the service provider.
- (c) A grant to a volunteer fire department shall be paid in accordance with the following calculations:
 - i. A grant of \$4,000 shall be paid to a fire department, if the fire department's annual levy is equal to 80 percent or more of the average levy.
 - ii. A grant of \$8,000 shall be paid to a fire department, if the fire department's annual levy is equal to 60 percent or more, but less than 80 percent of the average levy.

- iii. A grant of \$12,000 shall be paid to a fire department, if the fire department's annual levy is equal to 40 percent or more, but less than 60 percent of the average levy.
 - iv. A grant of \$16,000 shall be paid to a fire department, if the fire department's annual levy is less than 40 percent of the average levy.
- (d) Section 3(c), shall not apply to the Pictou Island Fire Department or the Trenton Fire Department.
- i. A grant of \$6,000 shall be paid to the Pictou Island Fire Department.
 - ii. A grant of \$2,910 shall be paid to the Trenton Fire Department for direct services to the residents of Hillside.

4. REPEAL

All former policies and/or resolutions of Council with respect to fire department funding are hereby repealed.