



POLICY

Financial Assistance for Victims of Fire Policy

1.006

Section: 1.0 Council
Authority: Chief Administrative Officer

Statement

The Municipal District of Bonnyville (M.D.) will give certain financial assistance to victims of a house fire.

Purpose

To assist in the recovery of quality of life for M.D. residents who have suffered substantial loss due to fire at their place of residence, within the dwelling.

Definitions

For the purposes of this policy:

- (1) "Bursary" means the giving of money for personal use;
- (2) "Basic Necessities of Life" means food, water, shelter;
- (3) "CAO" means the Chief Administrative Officer for the M.D.;
- (4) "Place of Residence" means any type of dwelling where a person(s) legally lives.

Policy

The M.D. will give certain financial assistance to aid the recovery of quality of life for M.D. residents who have suffered substantial loss due to fire within their place of residence.

- (1) When knowledge of a house fire that has caused substantial damage to the dwelling is made known to the M.D., the CAO may grant an immediate, one-time bursary in the amount of \$2500.00 to victims of the fire if:
 - (a) a person or family has suffered a substantial, immediate and direct loss of materials and possessions required for daily living;
 - (b) there is an immediate and direct hindrance of stable access to the basic necessities of life;
 - (c) the CAO concludes that the fire was not caused by unlawful or suspicious activities perpetrated or abetted by dwellers within the residence.

This bursary will be granted to residents of the home as a group. It will not be given to each person residing at the home at the time of the fire.

- (2) Payments issued under the authority of this policy will be summarized and presented to Council for information purposes at the Council Meeting following the payout.

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Review Period

Within five (5) years from date adopted / amended / reviewed.

For administrative use only:

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