FIRE DEPARTMENTS GRANTS POLICY

POLICY #2026-09-08

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 $20,000 shall be paid to the Pictou Island Fire Department for the 2026-2027 fiscal year subject to terms and conditions agreed upon by the fire service the Municipality of the County of Pictou.

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All former policies and/or resolutions of Council with respect to fire department funding are hereby repealed.