

GOV-001-032 Council Priority Fund Expenditures**Report Purpose**

To bring forward proposed revisions to Policy GOV-001-032 Council Priority Fund Expenditures for consideration by Council.

Recommendation

THAT Policy GOV-001-032 Council Priority Fund Expenditures be revised by adding the words "outside of Strathcona County" to the end of Guideline 6 subsection c so that Guideline 6 subsection c reads as "To support travel expenses outside of Strathcona County".

Council History

April 10, 2012 -Council approved Policy GOV-001-032

December 10, 2013 - Councillor Riddell served a Notice of Motion directing Administration to bring Policy GOV-001-032 to the Governance Advisory Committee

January 14, 2014 - Council directed Administration to bring Policy GOV-001-032 to the first available opportunity of the Governance Advisory Committee for discussion, and further, that all applications be held in abeyance until February 28, 2014 and Council has made a decision on how it would like to manage Priority Funds moving forward.

February 25, 2014 - Council approved revisions Policy GOV-001-032

June 24, 2014 - Council approved an addition under Guideline 3 of Policy GOV-001-032

Strategic Plan Priority Areas

Economy: n/a

Governance: n/a

Social: Council priority funds have been used to support community groups, facilities and events within Strathcona County.

Culture: Council priority funds have been used to support cultural groups and events within Strathcona County.

Environment: n/a

Other Impacts

Policy: The proposed revision will bring clarity to Policy GOV-001-032

Legislative/Legal: n/a

Interdepartmental: n/a

Summary

The current wording of Guideline 6 subsection c of Policy GOV-001-032 does not clearly state that Council Priority Funds will not be used for travel expenses outside of Strathcona County. The current wording could be interpreted as prohibiting the use of Council Priority Funds for travel within Strathcona County. The proposed revision recommended by the Governance Advisory Committee will bring the necessary clarity to Guideline 6 subsection c of Policy GOV-001-032.

Enclosure

- 1 Existing GOV-001-032 Council Priority Fund Expenditures
- 2 Proposed Revisions GOV-001-032 Council Priority Fund Expenditures
- 3 Revised GOV-001-032 Council Priority Fund Expenditures