

GOVERNANCE ADVISORY COMMITTEE REPORT**Policy GOV-001-032 Council Priority Fund Expenditures – Revisions to Policy****Report Purpose**

This report provides a revised draft of policy GOV-001-032 Council Priority Fund Expenditures for Council approval.

Recommendation

THAT revised Policy GOV-001-032 Council Priority Fund Expenditures, as set out in enclosure 1 of the July 5, 2022 Governance Advisory Committee report, be approved.

Report

On April 20, 2022, the Governance Advisory Committee (GAC) reviewed and discussed initial revisions to policy GOV-001-032 Council Priority Fund Expenditures. A revised draft was brought forward to the May 16, 2022 GAC meeting for further discussion and feedback.

Highlights of the proposed changes to the policy include:

- A requirement to enter into a grant agreement with Strathcona County.
- Clarification that funds can not be used for out of County travel, including meals, lodging and extraneous expenses.
- Clarification that funds can not be used for assets that benefit an individual and that assets must remain a possession of the group or organization (such as sports equipment, uniforms, etc.).
- A provision to match increases to the overall Priority Fund budget to the previous year's Consumer Price index (CPI) yearly inflation rate.
- A revised Policy Statement to highlight the guiding principle that Council Priority Funds are meant to support community-based initiatives or events that benefit Strathcona County and its residents.
- A preference to provide capital project funding to groups that have not received funds for a capital project within the last four years.

Administration provided input and feedback on the suggested changes and are supportive of the revisions.

Council and Committee History

April 20, 2022 Committee approval: THAT Administration prepare a revised draft of GOV-001-032 Council Priority Fund Expenditures for review at the May 16, 2022 Governance Advisory Committee meeting.

May 16, 2022 The Committee reviewed revisions to policy GOV-001-032.

Enclosures

- 1 Revised Policy GOV-001-032
- 2 Track changes copy of Policy GOV-00032