

# Rural Municipality of McKillop No. 220

## Policy # ADM-006

### Policy Title: Charitable Donations

Policy Objective	To ensure that public funds collected from RM ratepayers are utilized to the best interest of the RM ratepayers
Authority	Resolution # 165/2017
Supporting Bylaw	
Related Policy(s)	N/A

### Legislative Authority:

*The Municipalities Act*

#### Legal status and capacity

4 (2) The purposes of municipalities are the following:

- (a) to provide good government;
- (b) to provide services, facilities and other things that, in the opinion of council, are necessary and desirable for all or a part of the municipality;
- (c) to develop and maintain a safe and viable community;
- (d) to foster economic, social and environmental well-being;
- (e) to provide wise stewardship of public assets.

(3) For the purpose of carrying out its powers, duties and functions, a municipality has the capacity and, subject to any limitations that may be contained in this or any other Act, the rights, powers and privileges of a natural person.

(4) Notwithstanding subsection 10(1), a municipality may exercise its capacity, rights, powers and privileges as a natural person outside its boundaries if the exercise of those powers is in pursuit of a municipal purpose as set out in subsection (2).

#### Contents of budget

156(1) The operating budget of a municipality is required to include the estimated amount of each of the following expenditures and transfers by the council for a financial year:

- (a) the amount needed to provide for the operations of the municipality;
- (b) the amount needed to pay all debt obligations with respect to borrowings by the municipality;
- (c) the amount needed to meet the sums that the municipality is required, by statute, to raise by levying taxes or other amounts that the municipality is required to pay;
- (d) the amount to be transferred to reserves;
- (e) the amount to be transferred to capital;
- (f) the amount of any operating deficit incurred in the previous financial year;
- (g) the amount needed to acquire, construct, remove or improve capital property.

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(2) A council's operating budget is required to include the estimated amount of revenues from each of its sources of revenue and transfers.

## **Policy:**

1. It is the belief of the Council of the Rural Municipality of McKillop No. 220 (the RM) that public funds collected from RM ratepayers must be used for purposes that provide services directly to the RM ratepayers.
2. It is the belief of the Council of the RM that individuals have the right and opportunity to make donation of their personal income to any charitable organization that the individual wishes to support.
3. It is the belief of the Council of the RM that Council does not have the authority to make financial contributions to any charitable organization on behalf of the ratepayers of the RM as Council does not know the personal wishes of each and every ratepayer relating to his/her wishes to support a particular charitable organization.
4. It is the belief of Council that contributing to charitable organizations does not meet the purpose of a municipality as set out in provincial legislation.
5. The Council of the RM shall not authorize the payment of any funds collected by the RM as tax dollars from the RM ratepayers for purposes of supporting any charitable organization.