



**ORGANIZED HAMLET BOARD AREAS OF JURISDICTION  
REGARDING FINANCIAL AUTHORITY**

Policy Objective	To establish the parameters authorized by the Council of the RM of McKillop No. 220 for Organized Hamlet Board’s financial jurisdiction
Authority	Resolution #216/2018
Supporting Bylaw	
Related Policy(s)	

**LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY**

*The Municipalities Act*

**Expenditures**

- 72 The council of the rural municipality shall pay moneys on behalf of the hamlet board from the hamlet account if:
- (a) the hamlet board requests the council to pay an indemnity to members of the hamlet board or to pay moneys for any other purpose authorized by this Act; and
  - (b) money in the hamlet account is available to the credit of the organized hamlet to make the payment in accordance with the request.

**Water or sewer system**

- 73(1) On the request of the hamlet board, the council of the rural municipality may provide for the installation of a waterworks system or a sewage system in the organized hamlet.
- (2) If the council provides for the installation in accordance with subsection (1), the waterworks system or sewage system must be constructed, operated and maintained in the prescribed manner and in accordance with the prescribed terms and conditions.

**Provision of services**

- 74(1) The hamlet board and the council of the rural municipality may agree that the hamlet board is to be responsible, if there are sufficient funds available to the credit of the organized hamlet in the hamlet account, for providing one or more services within the organized hamlet.
- (2) In an agreement mentioned pursuant to subsection (1), the parties may require the rural municipality to:
- (a) retain the services of one or more employees and specify their duties; or
  - (b) enter into agreements with other parties for the purpose of carrying out the terms of the agreement between the hamlet board and the council.

**Agreements with SaskPower**

- 75(1) The council of a rural municipality may enter into an agreement with Saskatchewan Power Corporation for the construction of a power distribution system in an organized hamlet only if requested by the hamlet board to do so.
- (2) If the council of a rural municipality enters into an agreement in accordance with subsection (1), the council:
- (a) may authorize the payment by the rural municipality to Saskatchewan Power Corporation of moneys to meet all or any part of the cost of:
    - (i) the construction of the power distribution system; or
    - (ii) the construction of a power transmission line to connect the organized hamlet with the corporation's system and of a power distribution system within the organized hamlet; and
  - (b) if the council acts pursuant to clause (a), shall assess and levy the amount of the payment within the area of the organized hamlet in one or more years as the council may determine.

**Lighting and sidewalks**

- 76 The council of a rural municipality may provide for street lights or sidewalks in any organized hamlet only if requested by the hamlet board to do so.

**OBJECTIVE**

This financial authority policy is implemented to support the desire for moderate autonomy sought by Organized Hamlets within the Rural Municipality of McKillop No. 220, as allowed by *The Municipalities Act*. The Council of the Rural Municipality of



McKillop No. 220 agrees to provide financial authority relating to several specific financial areas to the Board members of the Organized Hamlets providing the Organized Hamlet possesses adequate funds in the Designated Reserve account.

This policy is adopted as an affirmation of Council's commitment to accountability and transparency to the ratepayers of the Municipality by ensuring that all information that may be legally distributed is available to the ratepayers. Council also recognizes its responsibility and accountability to all ratepayers for the diligent use of public funds. By implementing this policy, Council seeks to reconcile these two objectives.

## **SCOPE**

Establishment of a series of areas in which Organized Hamlet Boards have financial authority.

## **DEFINITIONS**

- a) "Council" means the Council of the Rural Municipality of McKillop No. 220
- b) "RM" means the Rural Municipality of McKillop No. 220

## **POLICY**

### **1. Authorized Areas of Financial Authority**

1.1. The Council of the Rural Municipality of McKillop No. 220 authorize that an Organized Hamlet Board within the boundaries of the Rural Municipality may take financial responsibility for the provision of the following services within the Organized Hamlet:

1.1.1. **General Government Services:**

- (a) Organized Hamlet Board meetings;
- (b) Annual general meetings;
- (c) Office supplies and stationery;
- (d) Budget preparation; and
- (e) Organized Hamlet Board indemnity



1.1.2. **Protective Services:**

- (a) Contract fire protection services as arranged by the Rural Municipality;
- (b) Contract bylaw enforcement services as arranged by the Rural Municipality; and
- (c) Security systems

1.1.3. **Transportation Services:**

- (a) Street lights;
- (b) Sidewalk installation, maintenance and repair;
- (c) Maintenance of streets and roads;
- (d) Gravel;
- (e) Dust control;
- (f) Grass cutting;
- (g) Culvert installation;
- (h) Construction and maintenance of public buildings, facilities and equipment;
- (i) Insurance costs relating to all buildings, facilities and equipment; and
- (j) Purchase of capital assets including machinery

1.1.4. **Environmental Health Services:**

- (a) Herbicide control and biocide control;
- (b) Pest control; and
- (c) Health protection services and equipment

1.1.5. **Recreation Services:**

- (a) Public toilet and public restroom maintenance and repair;
- (b) Maintenance of a public marina and boat launch areas;
- (c) Maintenance of public land, excluding any areas designated as Environmental Reserve;
- (d) Construction and maintenance of public buildings, facilities and equipment;
- (e) Insurance costs relating to all buildings, facilities, and equipment; and
- (f) Purchase of capital assets including machinery



1.1.6. **Water and Sewer Services:**

- (a) Wells;
- (b) Water distribution systems;
- (c) Septic systems;
- (d) Sewage collection systems;
- (e) Construction and maintenance of public buildings, facilities and equipment;
- (f) Insurance costs relating to all buildings, facilities and equipment; and
- (g) Purchase of capital assets including machinery

**2. Restrictions on Authorized Areas of Financial Authority**

- 2.1. The specific areas of financial authority listed in Section 1 that an Organized Hamlet Board wishes to accept must be identified in a formal agreement dually signed by all Organized Hamlet Board members and the signing authorities of the Rural Municipality of McKillop No. 220. In the absence of a formal agreement, the Organized Hamlet Board has no authority beyond that allowed in *The Municipalities Act*.
- 2.2. All areas of financial authority listed in Section 1 that are accepted by an Organized Hamlet Board are subject to the bylaws and policies implemented by the Council of the Rural Municipality of McKillop No. 220. Any Organized Hamlet Board found to be conducting their authority in a manner contrary to the bylaws and policies of the Rural Municipality shall have their financial authority for that particular area revoked immediately.
- 2.3. Acceptance of financial authority for any specific area listed in Section 1 does not constitute autonomy for or authority to the Organized Hamlet Board to enter into contracts or to authorize expenditures without the prior consent of the Council of the Rural Municipality of McKillop No. 220.