



PROVISION OF FIRE PROTECTION SERVICES

Policy Objective	To ensure the consistency of fire protection services provided within the RM boundaries
Authority	Resolution # 217/2018
Supporting Bylaw	
Related Policy(s)	

LEGISLATIVE AUTHORITY

The Wildfire Act

The Fire Safety Act

OBJECTIVE

This provision of fire protection services policy is implemented due to the need to provide consistent and reliable fire protection services throughout the Rural Municipality of McKillop No. 220 (the RM).

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. By implementing this policy, Council seeks to reconcile these two objectives.

SCOPE

Establishment of parameters relating to fire protection within the boundaries of the RM.

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. Fire Protection Services Agreements

- 1.1. All Organized Hamlets and unorganized hamlets are provided fire protection services because of agreements that have been established by the RM Council with fire protection service providers near the RM boundaries.
- 1.2. No Organized Hamlet Board is authorized to negotiate an agreement for fire protection services independent from the RM agreements.

2. Fire Protection Services Costs

- 2.1. Each Organized Hamlet shall be responsible for the cost of providing fire services to the ratepayers located within the boundaries of the Organized Hamlet.
- 2.2. The cost of fire protection services shall be allocated to each Organized Hamlet based on the fair value assessment of the properties located within the boundaries of the Organized Hamlet.
- 2.3. The cost allocation for fire protection services for an Organized Hamlet, as defined in Section 2.2, shall be calculated no later than August 1 in each year and shall be charged to the Organized Hamlet account by the RM.

3. On-Site Fire Protection Service Equipment

- 3.1. No Organized Hamlet Board shall make any equipment available within the Organized Hamlet boundaries that is intended for or referred to as equipment to be used for fire protection services.
- 3.2. As the RM does not own and operate fire protection services equipment independently, no liability insurance for provision of fire protection services is carried by the RM and therefore no claim or statement providing the option of on-site fire protection services may be made.