

Rural Municipality of Moose Jaw No. 161

COST SHARING on Clean-up of Potential Rat/Pest Harbourage Sites

BACKGROUND

Council recognizes that it is beneficial for all landowners and residents of the municipality to promote the maintenance and stewardship of clean, rat & pest free, occupied and unoccupied yardsites. Where circumstances warrant it, council is willing to cost-share, in some cases up to 100%, the clean-up and improvement of yardsites in the municipality upon application by the owner or occupant.

POLICY

1. No person shall qualify for funding under this policy without the approval of council prior to any work being completed.
2. Application shall be made by submitting a written request for assistance outlining the project to be undertaken to the municipal office. A sketch of the yardsite to be cleaned-up or improved indicating what structures are to be altered or destroyed shall accompany the written request.
3. Upon receipt of the application, administration staff shall contact the councillor in whose division the yardsite is located to arrange for an inspection. As soon as possible following notification, the councillor shall inspect the site to determine if the application warrants recommendation to council for cost sharing pursuant to this policy.
4. The councillor performing the inspection may recommend that cost sharing occur on only part of an application, with particular emphasis on the clean-up of potential rat/pest harbourage sites versus general clean-up of unsightly or nuisance yardsites.
5. Cost sharing on approved applications pursuant to this policy shall be limited to a maximum ratio of 50% of eligible costs to a maximum dollar payout of \$1,000.00 to the applicant, or such other lesser sum as council may approve.
6. Notwithstanding No. 5 above, where circumstances warrant it and the application is deemed to be in the best interests of the municipality as a whole, council may authorize a cost share ratio of up to 100% municipal payment for eligible costs, with a maximum dollar payout to be established by resolution of council for that application.
7. Where approval is provided pursuant to this policy, a list of potential contractors who have performed rat harbourage and general clean-up work in the past will be provided to the applicant and it shall be incumbent upon the applicant to hire the contractor and supervise the work to be performed. Any amounts committed to the applicant by the municipality shall only be authorized following receipt by administration of a paid invoice to the contractor for the applicable work.
8. The Division Councillor or a designated representative of council shall undertake a post-work inspection of any property cleaned-up pursuant to this policy.
9. Council may at its discretion enter into unique, individual written agreements with the owner(s) or occupant(s) of yardsites in the municipality with unique arrangements in order to facilitate the goal of promoting the maintenance and stewardship of clean, rat & pest free, occupied and unoccupied yardsites.
10. Council reserves the right to revoke this policy without notice to any person or persons, and to refuse any application made pursuant to this policy for any reason or reasons it deems reasonable, including factors outside of those outlined in the background shown above.