

Town of Bonnyville

Policy No. 25-PD-103

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Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to incentivize property owners to demolish derelict properties by offering a grant program that will offset some of the costs associated with the disposal of demolition materials.

Background:

The Town of Bonnyville is committed to promoting community development, infill, growth and revitalization of established community areas. Additionally, the Town is committed to addressing residential derelict properties which can drain resources (enforcement, fire, police, administrative), create concern for community health and safety, disorder and property nuisances. The intent of this policy is to establish a grant program to support the demolition of derelict properties, while ensuring that grants are transparent and administered equally amongst applicants in a manner that promotes the intent of the incentive opportunity in the best interests of the Town of Bonnyville.

Eligibility Criteria & Application Requirements:

Eligibility Criteria: To be deemed eligible to receive a demolition grant, the following criteria must be met:

- (a) The applicant must be the owner of the property subject to the application;
- (b) The property must have no outstanding property taxes owing;
- (c) The project must be “derelict” defined for the purpose of this policy as a property that is in the opinion of the Town, in a state of disrepair such that it would be unfeasible to remediate the condition of the dwelling, as per the *Community Standards Bylaw*;
- (d) The property must be located in the Town of Bonnyville;
- (e) A Building Permit for demolition of the building must be issued; and
- (f) The applicant must provide a compliant Permit Service Report confirming all requirements of the Building Permit for demolition are met.

Application Requirements: Applications may be submitted no earlier than the date for the Building Permit for demolition of the property. Applications must be submitted within thirty (30) days of the date of the compliant Permit Service Report for the Building Permit for demolition.

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Demolition Grant:

- a. The Town of Bonnyville shall provide up to \$60,000 worth of demolition grants in amounts of \$10,000 per residential property or \$12,000 per non-residential property. Each property is only eligible for one (1) grant.
- b. The Town will only consider applications which include an Application Form submitted within the time periods indicated in this Policy.
- c. Grants will not be distributed to successful applicants until the Town receives a compliant Permit Service Report confirming all requirements of the Building Permit for demolition are met.
- d. The Town reserves the right to refuse to provide a grant where at the discretion of the Town it is determined that it would not be in the public interest to do so.
- e. The Town will review this policy and may consider funding in future years.
- f. Grant will be approved in a first come, first served basis

Responsibilities:

1. The Director of Planning & Development is responsible for the overall review and decision of the demolition grant application.
2. Employees are responsible for ensuring all applicants are aware of the policy for their specific application requirements.

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