



**COMMITTEE MEETING DATE: FEBRUARY 25, 2025**

## **REQUEST FOR DECISION - TO COUNCIL**

### **SUBJECT**

**FI 012 BMTG-SIP GRANT POLICY**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

THAT the County of Vermilion River rescind Policy FI 012 Basic Municipal Transportation Grant (BMTG) – Street Improvement Program (SIP) Grant Policy.

### **DETAILS**

Background: Street Improvement Program (SIP) was a grant to provide conditional grants to towns, village, summer villages, and eligible hamlets to assist with the provision of lasting street improvements, to enhance life in rural centers, and to serve to attract the decentralization of industry.

Basic Municipal Transportation Grant (BMTG) replaced the Street Improvement program (SIP) and four other provincial grants in April 2011. The objective of the program was to support municipalities in developing and maintaining their capital transportation infrastructure requirements, promote economic growth and improve the quality and transportation safety of community life.

Basic Municipal Transportation Grant (BMTG) was included in the Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) Grant in 2014. The objective of the program was to work with municipalities to manage growth pressures, provide sustainable funding and support infrastructure needs. Municipalities were strongly encouraged to consider long-term infrastructure needs for use of MSI funding.

Municipal Sustainability Initiative (MSI) was replaced in 2024 with Local Government Fiscal Framework (LGFF). LGFF provides capital and operating funding to municipalities to support projects that develop, improve and maintain infrastructure assets in Alberta communities; facilitate the resiliency and livability of local communities and support local and provincial economic activities.



Discussion: Provincial Grants are regulated, with restrictions on what the municipalities can spend the Grant monies on. It is recommended that the County follows the Grant's Eligibility Requirements, then have a policy regarding Provincial Grants that evolve and change.

Relevant Policy/Legislation Practices: Local Government Fiscal Framework Act

Desired Outcome (s): THAT the County of Vermilion River rescind Policy FI 012 MBTG-SIP Grant Policy.

Response Options: THAT the County of Vermilion River rescind Policy FI 012 Basic Municipal Transportation Grant (BMGT) – Street Improvement Program (SIP) Grant Policy.

## IMPLICATIONS OF RECOMMENDATION

Organizational: Follow grant guidelines

Financial: Continue following grant guidelines in budget process.

Communication Required: None

Implementation: None

## ATTACHMENTS

FI012 BMTG-SIP Grant Policy (2013-01-29) - Original

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