



POLICY

03-01
Department of Municipal and Community Affairs
Water License Contribution

1. Statement of Policy

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs may provide funding to community governments to assist with costs associated with obtaining water licenses from regulatory authorities.

2. Principles

The Department of Municipal and Community Affairs is guided by the following principles when implementing this Policy:

- (1) Residents of the Northwest Territories are entitled to the use of water, and to the deposition of waste.
- (2) Community governments should exercise full authority and responsibility for the provision of water to community residents.
- (3) As regulatory requirements for the operation of water treatment and disposal systems are increasing rapidly, community governments may encounter unforeseen costs in complying with these requirements.

3. Scope

This policy applies to community governments listed on Schedule 'A'.

4. Definitions

Water License – A license required by the *Northwest Territories Waters Act*, administered by the applicable water board, that regulates the deposit of waste and the use of water in designated areas.

5. Authority and Accountability

(1) General

This Policy is issued in accordance with Financial Management Board direction to delegate to Ministers authority to establish grants and contribution programs. Authority and accountability is further defined in Financial Administration Manual directives, 401, 401-1, 401-2, and 401-4 and as follows:

(a) Minister

The Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs (the Minister) is accountable to the Financial Management Board for the implementation of this Policy.

(b) Deputy Minister

The Deputy Minister of Municipal and Community Affairs (the Deputy Minister) is accountable to the Minister and responsible to the Minister for the administration of this Policy.

(2) Specific

(a) Minister

The Minister may:

- (i) approve changes to this Policy;
- (ii) approve grants or contributions according to the terms and conditions outlined in this Policy; and
- (iii) delegate the authority to approve grants and contributions to the Deputy Minister.

(b) Deputy Minister

The Deputy Minister has the following authority and accountability, which he or she may delegate to Regional Superintendents or Directors:

- (i) determines the need for assistance based on consultations with community governments and/or departmental officials; and
- (ii) authorizes contributions to community governments.

6. Provisions

(1) Eligibility

Community governments listed on Schedule A are eligible to apply for funding under this policy.

(2) Criteria

- (a) Community governments are provided funding through the Government of the Northwest Territories' Water and Sewage Services Subsidy Policy and the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs' Water and Waste Services Contribution Policy to assist with the costs of their water and sewage services.
- (b) Community governments are eligible to receive funding under this policy:
 - (i) During years when their water licenses are up for renewal, and there is a requirement for a substantial amount of research and/or technical analysis required to comply with application requirements; or



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- (ii) When unforeseen measures are required by a regulatory body in order to comply with license requirements.
- (c) Water license contribution funding will not be used to establish new capital projects, to fund capital enhancements or to fund ordinary operating and maintenance costs.

7. Financial Resources

Financial resources required under this policy are conditional on approval of funds in the Main Estimates by the Legislative Assembly and there being a sufficient unencumbered balance in the appropriate activity for the fiscal year for which the funds would be required.

8. Prerogative of the Minister

Nothing in this Policy shall in any way be construed to limit the prerogative of the Minister to make decisions or take actions respecting grants or contributions. In this regard, the Minister may make a special exception to the rules set out in this policy. Any exception will require substantiation in writing and must be recorded with the Department of Municipal and Community Affairs.

Vince R. Steen
Minister

Original signed September 2003

Date



Schedule A

ELIGIBLE COMMUNITY GOVERNMENTS

Hamlet of Aklavik
Hamlet of Fort Liard
Hamlet of Fort McPherson
Hamlet of Fort Providence
Hamlet of Holman
Hamlet of Paulatuk
Hamlet of Rae-Edzo
Hamlet of Sachs Harbour
Hamlet of Tuktoyaktuk
Hamlet of Tulita

Charter Community of Deline
Charter Community of K'asho Got'ine (Fort Good Hope)
Charter Community of Tsiigehtchic
Charter Community of Wha Ti

City of Yellowknife

Town of Fort Smith
Town of Hay River
Town of Inuvik
Town of Norman Wells

Village of Fort Simpson

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| Dechi Laot'i Band | (Wekweti) |
| Gameti First Nation | (Rae Lakes) |
| Jean Marie River First Nation | |
| Ka'a'gee Tu First Nation | (Kakisa) |
| K'atlodeeche First Nation | (Hay River Reserve) |
| Lutsel K'e Dene Band | |
| Nahanni Butte Dene Band | |
| Pehdzeh Ki Dene Band | (Wrigley) |
| Sambaa K'e Dene Band | (Trout Lake) |
| Behdzi Ahda' First Nation | (Colville Lake) |
| Yellowknives Dene First Nation | (Dettah) |

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| Settlement of Deninoo | (Fort Resolution) |
| Settlement of Enterprise | |