

FISHING LAKE METIS SETTLEMENT

UTILITY STABILIZATION ASSISTANCE POLICY

POLICY #005 / 2019

POLICY STATEMENT: The Fishing Lake Metis Settlement is a unique Metis community that value's its membership; therefore, provides programs that enhance their way of life.

INTENT:

The Settlement will provide its members with the Utility Stabilization Assistance program. This program is intended to subsidize the utility expense for each homeowner within the settlement who resides within their home.

PURPOSE: This policy establishes the guidelines for revenue identification and distribution of funds for the purpose of Utility Stabilization Assistance.

DEFINITIONS:

In this policy;

"homeowner" means a resident who has or is entered into a contractual agreement with the Settlement or other financial institution for the ownership of the residence on Settlement, and/or has completed their contractual obligations to either the Settlement or the other financial institution.

"honorary member" means a member accepted by Fishing Lake Metis Settlement Council by council motion. For the purpose of the Utility Stabilization policy, honorary members are eligible to receive program benefits,

"resident member" means a member that is physically residing within a Settlement home as of November 1 of the program year.

"renting member" means a member that is physically residing within a Settlement home as of November 1 of the program year but, owned by another Settlement member or Fishing Lake Metis Settlement.

"Settlement" means Fishing Lake Metis Settlement.

"utility" means the expenses incurred by the homeowner for utility costs that includes gas bills, power bills, propane bills, water bills, garbage bills, and purchase of wood burning stoves and chimneys up to a maximum of the amount established in the annual budget for that fiscal year. In the event the member wishes to purchase a wood burning stove in excess of the amount allotted, the balance is the responsibility of the member. Each wood burning stove and accessories will be approved by

Administrator by specific agreement with supplier and member. **The Settlement Accounts will have priority for payment and then other utilities will addressed with the balance of monies for payment.**

“utility stabilization fund” means funds identified in Schedule “B” (attached) the fees for 2019/20. FLMS 2019-2020 Budget By-law FLMS 005/2019, revenues from the Business License by-law, franchise fees and other revenues.

“utility stabilization application form” means the application form which is part of this policy and **Must be filled out** and approved prior to receiving funds from this policy.

ADMINISTRATION:

This policy is administered by the Administrator, Finance Director, Land/Membership, and Oil/Gas in accordance with the annual budget bylaw.

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible for the assistance program, a settlement member **MUST:**

- A) Fill out the application form within this policy and be approved by departments identified in policy.
- B) Be a residing homeowner living in their residence as of the date set out in this policy.
- C) Be a residing member renting another members’ home.
- D) Provide a bill in that homeowner’s name/renter’s name for the active account to credited.
- E) If a homeowner owns more than one (1) residence and is renting the home to another person and collecting rent as a Landlord, that household **IS ELIGIBLE** for assistance to that renting member under this program.
- F) Those members identified on a pension, AISH and providing documents of income being fixed, will have utilities identified as per application.

FUNDS AVAILABLE

The funds available for this program will be determined in each year by attached Schedule “B” (Financial Report). This program will be available to the membership on or about November 1 of each fiscal year.

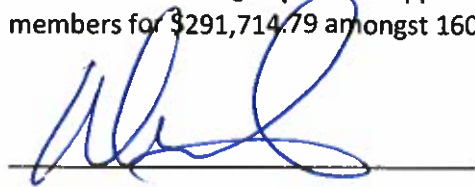
EFFECTIVE DATE:

Utility Stabilization Assistance Policy # FLMSRCM 282/11 is hereby rescinded and replaced with this policy amended.

This policy comes into effect upon execution and resolution by the Settlement Council and Administrator.

FLMS Council resolution # 321/19 for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.

Motion FLMSRCM 321/19 to approve the Utility Stabilization assistance program for distribution to members for \$291,714.79 amongst 160 homes amounting to \$1,823.22 per home.

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Settlement Chairperson

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Settlement Administrator

Dated this 1 day of October, 2019.

Schedule "A"

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UTILITY STABILIZATION APPLICATION FORM

1. Date: _____, 20____
2. Name of Applicant: _____
3. Land Location: _____ House address(muni-sight) _____
4. Homeowner: ☐ Resident Member: ☐ Residing Renting Member: ☐
5. Name of Home Owner: _____

Box Number:
Town:
Province:
Postal Code:

6. Amount \$1,823.22
7. Fishing Lake Water up to 33.3% of item six (\$607.13): _____ if in arrears for 1 year or more
Fishing Lake Garbage up to 33.3% of item six (\$607.13): _____ if in arrears for 1 year or more
Fishing Lake Housing (optional) _____
Other Acct #: _____ (Such as Propane)
8. Power Amount: _____ Gas Amount: _____
9. Payment for the Utility Stabilization will be done as per policy. Recipient will identify which accounts to direct payment from the Utility Stabilization Payment as per policy.
10. **Applicants MUST fill in Application in order to be identified for the Utility Stabilization Policy.
No payments made until the application is verified and approved.**

Verified by: Finance

Verified by: Lands and Membership

Signature: Owner/Occupant/Renter

Approved by Administrator

October 1, 2019

Schedule "B"

Utility Stabilization Fund

2019-2020

Slant Drills	Carry forward	\$ 44,100.00	October 1, 2018-March 31, 2019
	This year	\$118,100.00	April 1, 2019- October 1, 2019
Business License		\$ 22,815.00	
Franchise		\$ 7,694.77	AltaGas
Surplus		\$ 49,005.02	
Entity Dividends		\$ 50,000.00	(Homeland)

Total **\$291,714.79**

160 Homes @ 1,823.22 = \$291,714.79

175 Homes @ 1,276.44 = \$223,377.00 last year