

**SUMMER VILLAGE OF NORGLLENWOLD
SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA
SEPTEMBER 22, 2020 @ 9:00 A.M.**

- A. CALL TO ORDER**
- B. ADOPTION OF AGENDA**
- C. REQUEST FOR DECISION**
 - 1. COUNCIL & LEGISLATIVE
 - a. Municipal Stimulus Program
- D. ADJOURNMENT**

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September 22, 2020

Council & Legislation

Request for Decision

Agenda Item: *Municipal Stimulus Program*

Background:

The Government of Alberta is providing grant funding to all municipalities based on population. This grant is called MSP (Municipal Stimulus Program). SV Norglenwold has been awarded \$37,451. This funding cannot be used for a project that has already been applied for. We must have the application done by October 1st and the money has to be spent by the end of 2021 or else it must be paid back.

While we can't add it on to an existing project, we can apply for a new project using this money and then go above and beyond that amount with extra MSI dollars if you should choose to do that.

The guidelines intended to assist local governments in participating in the Municipal Stimulus Program (MSP) and in complying with the program terms and conditions are identified below.

- Municipalities must commit to submitting an annual Red Tape Reduction report for each of 2020 and 2021. They will be required to indicate to the Minister's satisfaction how they have made progress in the following areas since the stimulus program was announced:
 - What steps have been taken to make it easier to start up a new business in the municipality?
 - What steps have been taken to streamline processes and shorten timelines for development and permit approvals?
 - What steps have been taken to make the municipality a more attractive destination for new investment and/or tourism?
- The red tape reduction report template will require municipalities to identify how they have reduced red tape from among several provided options, or they may identify their own actions. They will also be required to provide relevant metrics and/or a qualitative description of specific actions they have taken.

- Projects must begin construction in 2020 or 2021, and all funds must be expended before December 31, 2021, or repaid to the province. However, projects may continue past this date using other sources of funding.
- Municipalities must indicate the amount of funding required in both 2020 and 2021 for each project.
 - Payments for 2020 expenditures will be issued once municipalities sign the conditional grant agreement and receive approval on their project application(s).
 - Payments for 2021 expenditures will be issued in May 2021, unless municipalities identify a requirement to receive funding earlier.
 - Project categories are based on modified MSI project categories.
- Projects must not create new operational funding requirements for the province and must not, as a result of the projects, lead to higher/increased municipal taxes.
- Projects previously approved for MSI or GTF funding are not eligible and municipalities will not be permitted to withdraw and resubmit MSI or GTF projects to gain eligibility.
- Proponent must attest that the project would not go ahead this year or next year in the absence of support through the stimulus program.

Options for Consideration:

1. Council to discuss and provide direction on applying for MSP.
2. Accept as Information

Administrative Recommendations:

Option 1

Authorities:

MGA 207 (c): The chief administrative officer advised and informs the council on the operations and affairs of the municipality.