

THE CORPORATION OF THE MUNICIPALITY OF MISSISSIPPI MILLS

STAFF REPORT

DATE: February 15, 2022
TO: Committee of the Whole
FROM: Cory Smith, C.Tech. A/Director of Public Works
SUBJECT: Review – Sandbag Policy

RECOMMENDATIONS:

THAT Committee of the Whole recommend Council approve the draft policy and procedure for sandbags.

BACKGROUND:

On a nearly annual basis areas of the Municipality are affected by flooding during the spring freshening. Over the years the Municipality has been there to support the residents in the affected areas. In recent years, the flooding has been quite significant. The manner in which sand and sandbags are distributed, collected and disposed of has been decided on an annual basis. It is felt that a Sandbag Policy would be beneficial to determine in a fair and consistent manner when and how bags and sand are distributed, collected, and disposed of.

A draft policy was provided to Committee of the Whole (COW) March 16, 2021. Direction was provided to staff to make updates to the policy.

DISCUSSION:

Updates to the policy related to removal of cost recovery, indemnification of the municipality and collection locations have been made. It is felt that the draft policy now meets the intentions as directed by COW. A copy of the revised draft has been attached.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Mechanism for cost recovery has been removed. All costs related to this item shall be dealt with as part of the Public Works Operational Budget.

SUMMARY:

Staff have revised the draft sandbag policy to provide a consistent framework for how and when sandbags will be distributed, collected and disposed. This will allow for better more efficient distribution of resources. Staff recommend adoption of the draft sandbag policy at this time.

Respectfully submitted,

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Cory Smith
A/Director of Roads and Public Works

Approved by,

Ken Kelly
CAO