

## **VSI POLICY**

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### **PHILOSOPHY**

The County of Northern Lights believes in providing assistance for livestock producers who reside within the County to subsidize the cost of professional veterinarian services through the participation in Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI).

### **PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To administer, protect and recognize the importance of providing subsidies to maintain professional veterinarian services within and around the County to bolster herd health.
- 1.2 To minimize effects of insects and diseases in livestock and promote early rapid detection of these pests. Such pest examples as warbles, black leg, foot and mouth disease and tuberculosis.
- 1.3 By supporting a vet locally our aim is to increase the amount of time a vet spends on farm to increase the chances of detecting notifiable and reportable diseases under the Animal Health Act.

### **AGRICULTURE SERVICE BOARD RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 2.1 Provide direction, supervision to VSI by appointing a representative and attending meetings.
- 2.2 Provide resources in the budget to support VSI.
- 2.3 Annually, set the subsidy level for Schedule "A" services and will identify which services are not subsidized on Schedule "B". A limit can be placed on the number of services in Schedule "A" as well.

### **AGRICULTURE FIELDMAN RESPONSIBILITIES**

- 3.1 Collect the necessary information from applicants to provide Council with a database of participating producers within the County to be used in the event of outbreaks.
- 3.2 Act as a liaison between the County, VSI and the producers effectively administering the program.
- 3.3 Review quarterly reports sent by the VSI manager for accuracy.
- 3.4 Administer a VSI Membership Master List of County participants.
- 3.5 Act as an Inspector under Section 9 of the Agricultural Pests Act and under Section 6 of the Animal Health Act, if so deemed.

**ATTACHMENTS/SCHEDULES/APPENDIX**

Schedule "A"	Identifies Service Provided & Subsidy Level
Schedule "B"	Identifies Services NOT Provided

**REFERENCES**

Legal Authorities	Municipal Government Act Agricultural Service Board Act County Bylaw No. 25-63-503 Agriculture Pests Act Animal Health Act
Related Policies	NPARA Grant Policy
Other	VSI Membership Master List

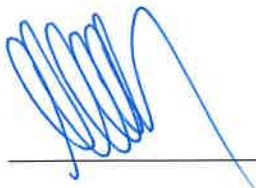
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