

FISHING LAKE METIS SETTLEMENT

UTILITY STABILIZATION ASSISTANCE POLICY

POLICY #004/2017

POLICY STATEMENT: The Fishing Lake Metis Settlement is a unique 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.

"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, and garbage bills up to a maximum of the amount established in the annual budget for that fiscal year. **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 the fees for 2017/18. FLMS 2017-2018 Budget By-law FLMS 004/2017, and revenues from the Business License by-law and franchise.

"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 form 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:

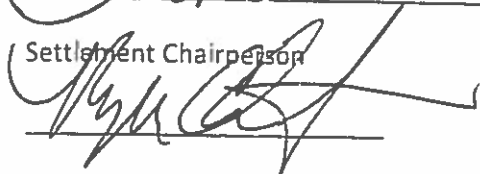
Utility Stabilization Assistance Policy # FLMSRCM 282/11 is hereby rescinded and replaced with this policy amended.

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

FLMS Council resolution # *FLMSRCM 40/17* for the 2017-2018 fiscal year.



Settlement Chairperson



Settlement Administrator

Dated this 17 day of October, 2017.

Schedule "A"

FISHING LAKE METIS SETTLEMENT

UTILITY STABILIZATION APPLICATION FORM

1. Date: _____, 20____

2. Name of Applicant: _____

3. Land Location: _____ House # _____

4. Homeowner: Resident Member: Residing Renting Member:

5. Name of Home Owner: _____

6. Amount: **\$2,187.47**

Box Number:
Town:
Province:
Postal Code:

7. Energy Amount \$ _____ Gas Amount \$ _____

8. Fishing Lake Water Acct: _____ Fishing Lake Garbage Acct: _____

Other Acct #: _____ (Such as Propane)

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.

Signature: Owner/Occupant/Renter

Verified by: Finance