

Municipality of the District of Argyle

Resolution 2020-02

July 27, 2020

- WHEREAS:** The Municipality of the District of Argyle has authority to fund its municipal volunteer fire departments in the way it sees fit; and
- WHEREAS:** The COVID-19 pandemic has had a negative impact on many non-profit organizations, including our nine volunteer fire departments; and
- WHEREAS:** COVID-19 state of emergency stipulations has forced our volunteer fire departments to cancel many of their traditional fund raisers, which include bottle drives, Chase the Ace lottery, banquets, yard sales and other types of fund raising; and
- WHEREAS:** While some fundraisers may be possible in the coming weeks and months, others will not occur this year, and potentially not in 2021 depending on the status of the pandemic; and
- WHEREAS:** The Municipality of the District of Argyle values the effort of our volunteers in fundraising to meet their operational needs and desires to partially compensate these fire departments that have consistently held fundraisers to support fire and emergency services in their community; and
- WHEREAS:** Not all fundraising efforts are the same, and the Municipality desires to create levels of funding that best represent the efforts made by the Fire Departments; and
- WHEREAS:** The Municipality of the District of Argyle wishes to place a cap on fund raising support knowing there will be financial pressures on the Municipality as well.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Municipality of the District of Argyle create the following four tiers of funding to support fire departments in the partial restoration of fund-raising losses due to COVID-19

Tier one – No fund raising in the most recent fiscal year - no municipal grant.

Tier two – Fund raising of \$500 - \$2,000 in most recent fiscal year – one-time municipal grant of \$1,000.

Tier three – Fund raising of \$2,001 to \$5,000 in most recent fiscal year – one-time municipal grant of \$1,500.

Tier four – Fund raising more than \$5,000 – one-time municipal grant of \$2,000.

ALSO BE IT RESOLVED THAT: This resolution be revisited in the 2021-2022 fiscal year for the possibility that the pandemic continues to impact our volunteer fire departments' ability to fundraise.