

TO: Mayor Caul & Members of Council
FROM: Dawn Galusha, Treasurer
DATE: August 7, 2019
SUBJECT: Rainy River Vet Services Committee

BACKGROUND

At the July 8, 2019 Administration and Finance Executive Committee, there was a discussion regarding the letter of request for financial contribution from the Rainy River Vet Services Committee and more information was requested. As such, attached you will find some additional clarification on the fee. The email from Kim Jo Bliss states that the money goes towards the Vet Contract that they have, which provides service to all farmers. If nobody pays, the farmer would be charged more as the contract covers mileage for the vets.

Kim Jo attended the meeting to answer further questions of the committee. The Rainy River Vet Services is requesting \$650.00 for the Vet Assistance Trust Fund. The Town has supported this Rainy River District project and has made annual contributions since 2002 (or earlier based on information provided by Kim Jo) and it has been expensed from the Council Public Relations budget line. The committee felt that as a District initiative that indirectly supports Fort Frances, they are willing to continue this payment for 2019.

RECOMMENDATION

The Administration & Finance Executive Committee recommends that Council support the Rainy River Vet Services Committee's request for a contribution to the Vet Assistance Trust Fund in the amount of \$650.00 funded from Council Public Relations expense.

Council Approval of this Report Will Agree to the Administration & Finance Executive Committee recommendation to make a contribution to the Vet Assistance Trust Fund in the amount of \$650.00 to support the request from the Rainy River Vet Services Committee.