



Whereas, the Province of Saskatchewan has provided \$70,000 to SARM to be used for assisting rural municipalities with costs of voluntary municipal restructuring, reversion and consolidation,

Therefore Be It Resolved, that the following guidelines be established effective June 15, 2006:

Guidelines for Funding Voluntary Municipal Restructuring, Reversion and Consolidation

1 Definitions:

“**eligible costs**” means costs:

- i) related to the transition from two or more individual municipalities to a re-structured municipality; or
- ii) related to the reversion of an urban to a rural municipality, or
- iii) related to establishing a shared municipal office and administrative staff between two or more municipalities, or
- iv) for doing a feasibility study of any or all of the above three items.

“**financial assistance**” means a grant to be paid to a municipality or municipalities by the Saskatchewan Association of Rural Municipalities.

“**municipality**” means a municipality as defined in *The Municipalities Act*.

“**reversion**” means the dissolution of a town, village or resort village which subsequently becomes a part of a rural municipality.

2 Financial Assistance

Financial assistance will be provided to municipalities that incur eligible costs until the funds provided by the province are completely depleted.

3 Funding of Restructuring Study

Where a municipality has restructured or has incurred costs in evaluating restructuring they may apply to SARM for funding. A request for funding shall include:

- i) a statement of costs actually incurred by the municipalities or restructured municipality in evaluating and/or implementing restructuring
- ii) a letter from the municipalities participating in the particular structural review requesting payment of the financial assistance.

The financial assistance payable shall not exceed 65% of the eligible costs incurred in the restructuring study and will be limited to a total of \$10,000.

4 Reversions

Where a town, village or resort village reverts and becomes part of the surrounding rural municipality, the municipality into which it reverts, on request to SARM, including a statement of costs incurred, shall be considered for financial assistance of eligible costs related to the reversion, to a maximum of \$5,000.

Payment shall be made to the Rural Municipality upon receipt by SARM of confirmation from the Rural Municipality that the reversion has been completed.

5 Municipal Office/Administrative Consolidation

Two or more municipalities that enter into an agreement to share office space and an administrator, on request to SARM, including a statement of costs incurred, shall be considered for financial assistance of eligible costs related to the consolidation, to a total of \$3,000.

Payment shall be made to the municipalities after consolidation has occurred.

6 Higher Funding Levels

The SARM Board of Directors may consider higher funding levels subject to the number of municipalities involved in a restructuring study and may consider advancing funding payments to assist with feasibility studies.

7 Funding Availability

Funding for voluntary municipal restructuring, reversion and consolidation shall be available until the \$70,000 fund has been depleted.

Funding shall be provided on a first come first serve basis.