

Policy

Title:	Veterinary Services INC Partnership Program
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Department Responsible:	Agricultural Services
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POLICY STATEMENT:

The Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No.124 (MDLSR) recognizes the importance of the livestock industry throughout the municipality and will enter into an agreement with Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd. (VSI). The program is to support local livestock producers, via the Veterinary Services Partnership Program. The program is to assist in the recruitment and retention of veterinary services, to enhance productivity of the livestock industry and to promote the best management practices for improved animal health and welfare.

DEFINITIONS:

“ASB” means Agricultural Service Board.

“MDLSR” means Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No.124

“VSI” means Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Ltd.

“Council” means the duly elected Council of the Municipal District of Lesser Slave River No. 124.

PRINCIPLE:

1. OBJECTIVES

- i. Enhance the viability of livestock operations.
- ii. Enhance the viability of local veterinary practices.
- iii. Encourage the retention of local Veterinarians.
- iv. Improve the efficiency of livestock production.
- v. Enhance animal welfare.
- vi. Enhance animal health.
- vii. Enhance food safety.
- viii. Support Health Canada regulations on safe and effective antibiotic use in Canada.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- a. The program is for veterinary services (1980) Ltd. Schedule “A”.

- b. The livestock producer must reside within MDLSR to qualify for the program.
- c. The livestock producer must own the animals that are to be covered under the programs Schedule "A".
- d. Clients seeking subsidy under the VSI program are required to apply for membership through Agricultural Services for verification of eligibility.
- e. Animal species qualified for subsidization of eligible procedures (as per Schedule "A") through VSI, are as follows:
 - 1. Bovine (Cattle)
 - 2. Porcine (Swine)
 - 3. Ovine (Sheep)
 - 4. Caprine (Goats)
 - 5. Megachilidae (Cutter Bees)
 - 6. Apis mellifera (Bees)
 - 7. Bison bison (Bison)
 - 8. set a budget accordingly and forward the budget to Council for approval.

This policy aligns with all other Municipal Bylaws, Policies and Procedures

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Chief Administrative Officer
Barry Kolenosky

January 15, 2024
Date

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SPECIAL NOTES/CROSS REFERENCE: Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Schedule "A"
Health Canada Regulations Amending the Food and Drug Regulations
(Veterinary Drugs-Antimicrobial Resistance)
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Procedure

PROCEDURE TITLE: Veterinary Services INC Partnership

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GENERAL GUIDELINES:

The purpose of this procedure is to set forth a framework for participation in the Veterinary Services Incorporated (VSI) program, with the goal of boosting efficiency and sustainability of the livestock industry within the MDLSR and advocating for the Best Management Practices for improved animal health.

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“**VSPP**” means Veterinary Services Partnership Program

PROCEDURE:

1. PROGRAM GUIDELINES

- a. VSI members shall be required to notify the MDLSR every (3) years in January to advise of their intent to continue the use of VSI, at which point, all pertinent information shall be updated.
- b. If a VSI member fails to advise of their intent to continue using the services for five (5) consecutive years, their membership privileges may be discontinued.

2. AGRICULTURAL FIELDMAN RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. The Agricultural Fieldman will administer, coordinate, and monitor the VSI program.
- b. Quarterly updates will be provided the Agricultural Service Board.
- c. The Agricultural Fieldman shall act as the liaison between the VSI Program, the Veterinary Clinics, and the eligible VSI members.

3. COUNCIL RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Will approve, vary, or deny the annual budget set for the VSI program, based in the needs of eligible VSI members.

- b. Will approve, vary, or deny year-end budget overages for the VSPP (a variance or denial of a year-end budget overage may initiate a bill-back procedure to VSPP members to recover the overage).
- c. Will appoint a Council member from the Agricultural Service Board to stand on the VSI Board of Directors.
- d. Determine cost sharing between the MDLSR and the eligible members.
- e. In the case that the VSI requisition exceeds the annual budget, Council may waive all or a portion of the funding overage or initiate a bill-back procedure to recover all or a portion of the overage.
 - i. Council may approve additional funds be allocated to the VSI Program to ensure financial coverage of the program.

4. CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER RESPONSIBILITIES

- a. Will ensure the agreement and approved funds are forwarded to VSI in a timely manner.

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SPECIAL NOTES/CROSS-REFERENCE: Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Schedule "A" Eligible Services, Veterinary Services Incorporated (1980) Schedule "B" Ineligible Services, ADM-12-25 Policy & Procedure Development
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