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Policy Title ACCEPTANCE OF GIFTED LANDS	Date April 27, 2017	Resolution No. C/197/17

Policy Statement

Lacombe County recognizes the value of lands being held in the name of the municipality to ensure the continued use by the community and the protection of environmentally sensitive lands. Lacombe County will consider accepting donated or gifted lands provided it can be demonstrated that such ownership will be of value to the community and that there are no significant environmental liabilities associated with the lands.

Guidelines/Procedures

Upon receiving communication that an individual is desirous of donating lands to the County, the County Commissioner or his designate shall ensure the following be carried out.

1. Conduct a general review of the lands ensuring that the lands will be an asset to the County and could be used for recreational, environmental or any other public purpose deemed to be beneficial to the County, its residents and/or visitors.
2. Consider and examine any conditions that the donator may request be imposed ensuring that the conditions do not have any negative impact on the County.
3. Ensure there is no environmental liability connected to the lands that could be inherited by the County upon acquisition either immediately or any time in the future.
4. Consider the impact on any long term commitment from the County for maintenance and upkeep of the lands.
5. Following the completion of the above items and the determination that the acceptance of the lands will benefit the County and there are no ensuing liabilities, the County Commissioner will seek Council approval to enter into an agreement with the donator to acquire the lands and ensure those lands are protected for the said purposes.
6. Lacombe County will consider issuing of a tax receipt to the donator for the value of the donated lands in accordance with Canada Revenue Agency guidelines.

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