

Glossary of Terms

Bylaw

A form of legislation or law enacted by a local authority (community council) to regulate itself in accordance with the powers delegated to it under statute, ex. parking bylaw.

Child Abuse Registry

The child abuse registry is established and maintained by the Manitoba government. The registry includes names based on the following:

- a person found guilty or who pleaded guilty to an offence involving the abuse of a child in or outside of Manitoba
- a family court finds a child to be in need of protection because of abuse by a person
- an agency's child abuse committee has reviewed the case and has formed an opinion that a person has abused a child

Child Abuse Registry Check

The process used to check for a person's name on the child abuse registry.

Community

Is an area in Northern Manitoba designated as a community by the minister under subsection 7(1) of The Northern Affairs Act.

Community Council

A community council consists of a group of elected officials to meet the municipal needs of that community.

Building Sustainable Communities (BSC) Program

The BSC program helps local governments, non-profit organizations and others improve the quality of life in their communities by providing provincial grant funding support for planning activities (includes land use and development plans, economic development plans, community development plans, strategic plans and recreation master plans), organizational capacity, community and regional initiatives and capital infrastructure to build, extend, improve or enhance public use facilities and spaces.

Criminal Record Check

A check of a person's criminal conviction record by the RCMP or other law enforcement agency.

Crown

Is defined as His Majesty the King in right of Manitobans, represented by the Manitoba government.

Crown Lands

Lands owned or held by the Crown in the name of His Majesty the King as represented by a provincial or federal agency, such as Lands and Planning Branch of Manitoba Economic Development, Investment, Trade and Natural Resources.

Delegated Bylaws

Bylaws that the minister holding the authority to enact has delegated to a local authority (community council).

Funding Formula

A formula based approach used to fund Local Government Services Program (LGSP) communities. It is made up of two components called the administrative and operational component and the maintenance component (known as the maintenance cost analysis or MCA).

Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP)

GAAP are defined as broad rules or standards which have been adopted by the accounting profession and which are used as a guide in making decisions about the recording, classifying, summarizing and reporting of financial information.

Incorporated Community

Is a community within Northern Affairs jurisdiction, that has been incorporated by regulation pursuant to The Northern Affairs Act.

Interim-Level Communities

LGSP communities that administer their own funds as provided by the funding formula with the following exceptions:

- audits are tendered and paid by the department
- funds for vehicle replacement, waste disposal site cell replacement, water breaks, pump replacement, fire equipment replacement, gravelling and ditching remain with the department
- community safety officer and recreation funding is conditional

Local Government Services Program (LGSP) Communities

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Maintenance Cost Analysis

Is the maintenance component of the funding formula, which includes hydro, cleaning, chemicals, labor, maintenance, fuel, gravel, grading, ditching, testing, etc.

Municipal Employees Benefit Program (MEBP)

Pension and insurance plan, administered by the department for some communities, for community council employees that meet the program eligibility requirements.

Non-delegated Bylaws

Bylaws which must be enacted by the minister holding the authority because the minister has not delegated it to a local authority (community council) or the minister is not able to delegate to a local authority (community council).

Public Sector Accounting Board (PSAB)

PSAB is a board authorized by the Chartered Professional Accountants of Canada to issue recommendations and guidance to serve the public interest by strengthening accountability in the public sector through developing, recommending and gaining acceptance of accounting, financial reporting and auditing standards of good practice.

Settlement

An area in Northern Manitoba designated as a settlement by the minister under section 6 of The Northern Affairs Act, that may have a contact person appointed by the minister who acts in an advisory and consultative capacity to the minister on behalf of the settlement.

Trust Status

Communities or settlements whose funding is administered through the Northern Affairs Fund of the department.