



# POLICY MANUAL

<b>Legal References:</b>	<b>Policy department:</b> Agriculture
<b>Cross References:</b>	<b>Policy Number:</b> D7
<b>Adoption Date:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>June 18, 2012 – Motion #06-601-12</li> </ul>	<b>Policy Title:</b> 100 Years of Farming
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## POLICY PURPOSE:

The County of Grande Prairie No. 1 was founded on agricultural settlement. This policy recognizes the significant contributions represented by farming/ranching families that have achieved the milestone of 100 years of continuous farming in the County of Grande Prairie No 1.

In order to effectively recognize the significant contributions pioneer farming families have made to the County of Grande Prairie, there are two streams for this award. The first is the Heritage Homestead Award, which focuses on the achievement of maintaining the homestead quarter within the family through the generations. The second is the Pioneer Farming Family Award, which recognizes 100 years of residing and farming within the County of Grande Prairie.

## POLICY STATEMENT AND GUIDELINES:

### Heritage Homestead Award Criteria

1. The farm/ranch must be the original title's quarter (ie: the same piece of land must have been continuously farmed/ranched for the 100-year period).
2. Kinship ties to the original homestead founder must be clearly explained (ie: provide family tree showing kinship ties).
3. Date of homestead establishment must be provided.
4. Copy of the land title must be provided, to show ownership.
5. The land must still be producing agricultural commodities by the owner.



### **Pioneer Farming Family Award Criteria**

1. Date of arrival into County of Grande Prairie must be provided and substantiated (old homestead records, newspaper articles, archival documents, diary entries etc.).
2. Kinship ties to the original pioneer founder must be clearly explained (ie: family tree clearly showing kinship ties).
3. Copy of a land title must be provided, to show ownership of land within the County, or a statement must be provided from at least one landowner in the County of Grande Prairie that states the family is renting land from them for agricultural production.
4. One witness must provide a statement in the form of a Statutory Declaration (requires a Commissioner of Oaths) attesting to their historical knowledge of the family presence in the County for 100 years. This individual must have long-term ties to the County, in the form of current residence or, or previous presence/residence in the County.
5. The family must still be producing agricultural commodities.

### **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES:**

Agricultural Fieldman and/or Assistant Agricultural Fieldman are responsible for: reviewing applications for completeness and to ensure the applicants qualify for the award.

### **CONFIDENTIALITY:**

The use and interpretation of all County Policies and schedules will comply with all aspects of the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). Any breaches of the FOIP Act will be subject to disciplinary action.

### **RECORDS MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS:**

All documentation will be filed in accordance with the Records Management Policy and to comply with the Municipal Government Act (MGA), Freedom of Information & Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP) and any other applicable legislation, regulation, or act.

### **1. ATTACHMENTS:**

2. Schedule "A" Procedures
3. Schedule "B" 100 Years of Farming Application Form