



100 Years of Farming

Agriculture Policy D7

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Policy Purpose

To recognize 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.

Policy Statement

The intent of this policy is to provide guidelines for the selection of qualified families who have farmed or ranched in the County of Grande Prairie No1 1 for 100 years or more.

Definitions

“Agricultural Service Board” means the duly elected Board members of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1.

“Commissioner of Oaths” means anyone who administers oaths and contrives affidavits, affirmations, and declarations used in Alberta.

“Commodities” means a primary agricultural product that may be bought or sold.

“Council” means the duly elected Council members of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1.

“County” means the municipality of the County of Grande Prairie No. 1 having jurisdiction under the Municipal Government Act and other applicable legislation

“Homestead” means the residence of a person or family which comprises its home, land, and surrounding property

“Kinship” means of family relationship.

“Quarter” means 160 acres of land, or one-quarter of a full section.

“Statutory Declaration” means facts a person declares to be true.



Policy Guidelines

1. In order to effectively recognize the significant contributions pioneer farming families have made to the County, 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.
2. Heritage Homestead Award Criteria
 - 2.1. 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).
 - 2.2. Kinship ties to the original homestead founder must be clearly explained (ie: provide family tree showing kinship ties).
 - 2.3. Date of homestead establishment must be provided.
 - 2.4. Copy of the land title must be provided, to show ownership.
 - 2.5. The land must still be producing agricultural commodities by the owner.
3. Pioneering Farming Family Award Criteria
 - 3.1. Date of arrival into the County must be provided and substantiated (old homestead records, newspaper articles, archival documents, diary entries etc.).
 - 3.2. Kinship ties to the original pioneer founder must be clearly explained (ie: family tree clearly showing kinship ties).
 - 3.3. 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 that states the family is renting land from them for agricultural production.
 - 3.4. 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.
 - 3.5. The family must still be producing agricultural commodities.
4. The Agricultural Fieldman and / or Assistant Agricultural Fieldman are responsible for reviewing applications to ensure the applicants qualify for the award.
5. Valid applications are brought to the Agricultural Service Board (ASB) for award.
6. Recipients are invited to an ASB meeting for presentation of the award.
7. Recipients may choose to have the award presented at their farm or residence.



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8. Award consists of a gate sign.

Attachments

References

Legal Authorities	N/A
Related Plans, Bylaws, Policies, Etc.	Policy B1 – Policy Development
Other	100 Years of Farming Application Form – available on the County website

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