

# THE RURAL MUNICIPALITY OF STUARTBURN

## “Flood Protection Policy”

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**Subject:** Flood Protection Policy

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### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to establish practices and procedures to follow when dealing with the distribution of flood protection materials.

### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

There is no statutory requirement for the municipality to provide sandbags or aqua dams, nor to prevent a property from flooding.

Property owners are responsible for protecting their own property and therefore should make their own arrangements to protect their properties, making plans (where possible) in advance of a flooding event.

The municipality will assist property owners, when possible and practical.

If the municipality has access to provincial aqua dam supplies, they will be used on a priority basis as they are available. As this is a provincial resource, the municipality cannot guarantee that the aqua dam will be available and it should not be relied upon.

The municipality has a stock of unfilled sandbags. Should a situation arise where a property owner believes there is a probable flood situation where a resident requires sandbags, they should contact the municipal office 8am – 4pm Monday to Friday or any ward councilor of the municipality. Property owners are responsible for acquiring material to fill sandbags.

### **POLICY:**

The following priority criteria will form the basis for decision making when faced with the prioritization of the installation of aqua dams (when available) or sandbags (when volunteers are available).

- 1) Loss of life;
- 2) Harm or damage to the safety, health or welfare of people
- 3) Damage to property or other economic impact
- 4) Damage to the environment
- 5) An interruption of a critical service.

The following factors will be considered during prioritization

- 1) Imminent flood concern
- 2) Adequate time to install flood protection
- 3) Priority will be given to permanent primary residences