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TOWN OF SLAVE LAKE

TITLE: <u>CONDUCTING COMPARATIVE SURVEYS</u>

POLICY

POLICY STATEMENT:

The Town of Slave Lake recognizes the benefit of occasionally gathering comparative information as background for matters requiring a decision and shall ensure that all comparative surveys are meaningful, consistent, free of bias and adequate considering the circumstances.

POLICY OBJECTIVE:

The objective of this policy is to:

1. To identify municipalities that normally would be used when comparative surveys are prepared.

2. To clarify how surveying/sampling may be altered from the normal list without damaging integrity.

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<u>GUIDELINES</u>

The following lists are to be used to ensure maximum consistency and continuity when the Town of Slave Lake conducts comparative surveys:

Type I - For surveys of Towns within the Slave Lake Region.

1.	Athabasca	2,415
2.	Barrhead	4,213
3.	High Prairie	2,820
4.	Swan Hills	1,807
5.	Westlock	4,820
6.	Whitecourt	8,747

Population Average 4,137 vs. 6,600 in Slave Lake

Type II - For surveys of towns with relatively similar characteristics re. economy, population, etc.

1.	Bonnyville	5,896
2.	Drayton Valley	6,210
3.	Edson	8,365
4.	Peace River	6,240
5.	Rocky Mtn House	6,584
6.	Hinton	9,405
7.	Whitecourt	8,747

Population Average 7,350 vs. 6,600 in Slave Lake

*All population figures are 2005 levels or the latest population reported to Municipal Affairs Department.

2.   In circumstances unique to a specific survey, and with the prior approval (before surveying) of the Town Manager a survey may gather and use data from town's other than those listed above.

3.   Whenever Town Administration obtains survey data directly from other towns, they will return a copy of the compiled data to all contributing municipalities.

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