

# THE CORPORATION OF THE VILLAGE OF MONTROSE

**POLICY TITLE:** VANDALISM RESPONSE POLICY

**POLICY #7400**

**POLICY STATEMENT:**

It is the policy of Council to vigorously pursue recovery of costs incurred, and compensation for damage sustained due to vandalism.

**POLICY BACKGROUND:**

Vandalism is a periodically surfacing problem in the community. While in some instances the damage sustained is in the nature of a nuisance without direct economic cost, there are instances where economic damage is caused to private and to public property. Instances of vandalism have not always been investigated as a priority by the RCMP, or with as much vigor as the community and Council would have preferred.

**POLICY GOAL:**

The goal of this policy is to involve the municipality in the pursuit of compensation for all economic losses sustained by residents, businesses and public property.

**POLICY OBJECTIVES:**

1. To encourage residents and business to report all incidents of vandalism to the RCMP and to the Village.
2. To request a report on action taken by the RCMP on all acts of vandalism reported.
3. To assist residents victimized by vandalism with advice on the appropriate agencies to be contacted.
4. To seek compensation for damage to municipal property by way of small debt claims or other appropriate means against the perpetrators of vandalism or their legal guardians.

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