



Policy #25-ADMIN

Adoption Date: **November 26, 2025** **Resolution #2025-448**

Subject: Learn-to-Swim Registration Fee Rebate Policy

1. Background and Purpose

A 2017 report by the Manitoba Branch of the Lifesaving Society indicated that Manitoba had the highest rate of drowning deaths in Canada for children under the age of five.

As a result, on April 25, 2018, Council of the RM of Ste. Anne passed Resolution #2018-220 establishing the following:

BE IT RESOLVED that the Municipality provide a \$35.00 subsidy per year per child between the ages up to 14 residing in Ste. Anne Municipality for learn to swim programs offered through Red Cross aquatic lessons, or an equivalent thereof, in Manitoba, conditional upon receiving that year's registration receipt

Council as since amended this motion to reflect a change from the Canadian Red Cross to the Lifesaving Society Canada programs, but chose to review this program in 2025 by developing this policy.

The purpose of this policy is to support equitable access to water safety and swimming education by providing a rebate on Learn-to-Swim registration fees for residents of the RM of Ste. Anne. This initiative encourages participation in swim programs, particularly among families for whom cost may be a barrier.

2. Eligibility

To qualify for the rebate, applicants must meet the following criteria:

- Be a **resident of the RM of Ste. Anne** (submit proof).
- Be enrolled in a recognized **Learn-to-Swim program** (public or private).
- Provide **proof of registration and payment**.
- Submit a **completed rebate application form** within that calendar year.



3. Rebate Amount

- The amount of the rebate will be the difference between the resident and non-resident rates of the aquatic facility of the eligible Learn-to-Swim program's registration fees. **The rebate will be paid, per registration, per person.** To clarify, a person can repeat the level multiple times in a year and receive a rebate for each registration fee.

4. Application Process

Applicants must:

1. Complete the **Learn-to-Swim Rebate Application Form**, available at the Municipal Office or through www.rmofsteanne.com.
2. Attach:
 - Proof of registration and payment (e.g., receipt or invoice).
 - Proof of residency (e.g., utility bill or ID).
3. Submit the form **within the same calendar year** of the start of the swim program by :
 - Emailing accounts@rmofsteanne.com or
 - Mailing it to Box 50 Grp 6 RR2, Ste. Anne, MB, R5H 1R1
 - Dropping it off at 395 Traverse Road, Ste. Anne, MB.

5. Program Funding & Limitations

- Rebates will be granted on a **first-come, first-served basis**, subject to annual budget limits set by Council.
- The Municipality reserves the right to amend or discontinue the program at any time.