



## Town of Fogo Island

### TOFI Buildings & Community Group Policy

#### 1.0 Ownership & Participation

##### **Ownership of Tourism, Cultural and Heritage Properties.**

A Resolution was passed by council on May 25, 2021, to divest several Town owned properties which are currently not in use and require maintenance. The discussion is also necessary surrounding the cost to effectively maintain ten heritage sites that are open only during the summer months.

The Town of Fogo Island's buildings and sites are jointly managed by community committees or groups. All sites require development and continual maintenance. For the future benefit of the residents of Fogo Island careful consideration of all sites is required.

Any community group who is active and committed to maintaining a site or sites in each of the given communities of Fogo Island shall be given priority to take ownership of the site to preserve our culture and heritage under a new agreement and policy.

We acknowledge the contributions made by the volunteers of Fogo Island and this new policy is intended to support growth and economic sustainability of various sites. It is intended to provide these community groups support and ownership of the buildings they currently assist with seasonally. This will provide consistency, increase job creation in communities, enhance historical preservation, while creating a sense of identity, and passion in distinct areas. An annual grant will be provided by the Town to support all committees with a basic operational cost.

#### **2.0 Role of the Municipality**

The Town will be involved by name only when circumstances require according to the conditions in the new long-term agreement for a period up to seven years. At the end of the term the existing council will review the contract and the committee will have the opportunity to express their intentions.

Town staff such as the Director of Recreation, Tourism and Economic Development will continue to support and inform committees of funding opportunities that become available and assist if needed with grant applications. Letters of support will be prepared as requested to support continual economic growth, and development and community services in these sites.

The Town will advertise any events, activities, or postings, as needed by the committee as requested on the Town app, and the Town Web site.

#### **2.1 Insurance & Utilities on Tourism, Cultural & Heritage Sites**

The Town will provide a new annual grant to offset insurance and operational expenses such as hydro at a set base cost based on the past fiscal year. This will provide consistency and support for all committees.

### 3.0 Role of Community Committee

#### 3.1 General Maintenance & On- Going Operations Associated with Tourism, Cultural & Heritage Sites

All general maintenance, utilities, staff, public washrooms on sites, winterization, and other operational costs of all facilities related to this area will be the sole responsibility of the committee. These committees will now take on responsibility of daily operations, staffing and volunteers as needed. The community committees will operate, maintain, and implement all activities and events. This is not limited to a summer season. All funds received through museum passes, donations and fundraisers will be managed by the community group or organizations to be invested back into the facility and its operation. The operations and development of heritage and cultural sites is now controlled by the community group. The committee's/groups have the capacity to develop and enhance the cultural and historical initiatives going forward . Both parties have the option to terminate the agreement with three months notification.

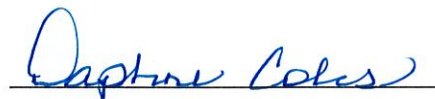
#### 3.2 Building Access – Keys

All keys belonging to the designated site will be given to the Community Committee representative designate.

This policy is adopted by resolution of council 2021-170 at a meeting held on the 31<sup>st</sup> day of August, 2021 and will become effective on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of September 2021.



Mayor



Town Clerk