

MNL – Municipal General Insurance Program

GENERAL INQUIRIES

COMMONLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

Who can operate a municipal vehicle?

Your policy covers any person the municipality permits to drive a vehicle or operate equipment, as long as they have the proper license and any endorsements required by the motor vehicle regulations.

When a council member or staff rents a vehicle while travelling on council business, is the municipality covered, or do we have to purchase insurance from the vehicle rental company?

Yes, the policy will cover you in this situation. There is no need to arrange separate coverage through the rental company.

Are Council members covered under the Employee Dishonesty Bond portion of our policy?

Yes. The definition of 'employee' under the policy includes staff (required by municipal affairs to be bonded) and all council members. The Employee Dishonesty Bond protects the municipality if an employee or Council Member steals from you.

Are Committees and Associations covered under the municipal policy?

If they are an arm of council, they receive the same coverage and protection as the municipality. For example, the fire department would be considered an arm of council and are covered under the policy. If your municipality had a recreation committee who took care of your recreational activities, as long as they are acting on behalf of and at the direction of the council, they enjoy the same policy benefits.

Can the municipality clear snow from residents' driveways?

Residential snow removal is covered by the policy if location or ability prevents the resident (i.e. a senior) from clearing the driveway himself or herself. If you are providing the service and charging a fee like a general contractor, ask your account manager how it may affect coverage.

What's the difference between Municipal General Liability and Municipal Errors & Omissions Liability?

Municipal General Liability is automatically included in your policy. Municipal Errors and Omissions Liability would have to be added.

General liability protects against property damage and bodily injury caused (or alleged to have been caused) by your operations, such as water and sewer, recreational activities, snow clearing, etc.

Errors and Omissions Liability protects you against claims arising from decisions you have made that result in a financial loss to a third party.

For example, council issues a building permit, and part way through construction by a third party, it is discovered the permit was issued in error. If that error cause the property owner to invest money into the structure and suffered a financial loss--and they bring a claim against your municipality, this situation would be covered under Errors and Omissions Liability. Your operations did not cause physical damage to the owner's property, but your wrongful decisions caused them financial loss.