



Policy

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Subject: Cloth / Washable Diaper Grant

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1. Objective

1.1 Objective

In the framework of the Cloth / Washable Diaper Program, The Nation Municipality's objective is to bring awareness to a more ecological and economical alternative to disposable diapers in order to significantly reduce waste sent to the landfills.

Disposable diapers take approximately 500 years to decompose in landfills; a year's worth of disposable diapers sends approximately 1 tonne of waste to our landfills. By using cloth / washable diapers, families will successfully avoid sending approximately 1 tonne of waste to the landfills and save money in doing so.

Our goal is to give twenty grants per year, thereby eliminating 20 tonnes of waste.

1.2 Context

The Nation Municipality started a Washable Diaper Program in 2010 (Work Plan for the Cloth Diaper Grant Project with the Collaboration of The Nation Municipality) in an effort to reduce the waste caused by disposable diapers to our landfills. This program has been successful thus far, and The Nation Municipality wishes to continue this collaboration with young families.

2. Relevance to priorities

Indirectly, this policy will support the [2034 Strategic Plan](#)'s Environmental Sustainability Pillar, D.2, by promoting environmentally sustainable solid waste management by reducing the amount of waste directed to our landfills.

3. Policy

3.1 Qualification

In order to qualify for the cloth / washable diaper for grant, you must:

- i. Be a resident of The Nation;
- ii. Have a baby of less than 6 months;
- iii. Submit application within 6 months of the baby's birth;
- iv. Purchase a minimum of 20 cloth / washable diapers.
- v. Submit all required documentation:
 - a. Application form duly completed and signed (see point 3.2);
 - b. Baby's birth certificate or proof of birth;

- c. Proof of residency in The Nation Municipality (ex. Valid driver's licence or recent utility bill);
- d. Proof of purchase of 20 washable diapers (valid store receipts).

3.2 Application Form

The application form must be completed and submitted within six (6) months of the birth of the baby. The following information must be included:

- i. Name of parent;
- ii. Mailing address;
- iii. Telephone number (home, cellular);
- iv. Name of the baby;
- v. Baby's birthdate;

3.3 Multiples (Twins, Triplets, etc.)

A \$200.00 grant will be given per child, per purchase of twenty (20) diapers. This is also the case for the birth of multiples; for example, if a family is expecting twins and they purchase two (2) sets of twenty (20) washable diapers (for a total of forty (40) washable diapers), they can apply for two (2) grants of \$200.00 (for a total of \$400.00).

3.4 Subsequent children

Families can apply for a washable diaper grant for each child.

3.5 Purchasing Used Cloth / Washable Diapers

While The Nation is cognisant of the ecological benefits of purchasing used cloth / washable diapers, only purchases verified by valid receipts from stores will be accepted to avoid fraudulent applications.

4. Financial Considerations

- 4.1 Twenty (20) Cloth / Washable Diaper Grants will be given per year, representing an investment of \$4,000.00. This sum will be earmarked in each budget henceforth.

5. Previous Policies / Work Plans

The "Work Plan for the Cloth Diaper Grant Project with the Collaboration of The Nation Municipality" (a.k.a. "Plan de travail pour le projet de subvention de couches lavables avec la collaboration de la municipalité de La Nation") is hereby repealed and replaced by this policy, AD-2021-01.