



DRAFT POLICY

SPORT, RECREATION, AND LEISURE POLICY

Department: Community Services

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1.0 PURPOSE

- 1.1** The City is committed to providing Sport, Recreation, and Leisure Services that are safe, affordable, inclusive, and responsive to diverse community needs.
- 1.2** The City recognizes that a broad and diverse range of Sport, Recreation, and Leisure Services provides significant individual and community benefit including:
 - .1 Enhancing personal well-being, health, and quality of life.
 - .2 Building strong and healthy families and communities.
 - .3 Enhancing opportunities for social engagement and community building for all residents.
 - .4 Supporting the local economy through Sports Tourism.
- 1.3** This Policy sets out a framework for ensuring that comprehensive and accessible Sport, Recreation, and Leisure Services are available within the City to all residents of Peterborough, regardless of age, ability, ethnic diversity, or circumstance.



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2.0 POLICY STATEMENT(S)

- 2.1** To ensure a broad and diverse range of Sport, Recreation, and Leisure Services that are safe, affordable, inclusive, and responsive to diverse community needs, the City shall:
- .1 Plan and provide Sport, Recreation, and Leisure Services that offer opportunities for residents of all ages and backgrounds to participate in our community and are responsive to local needs and interests, including those of multi-cultural and special interest groups.
 - .2 Ensure the City's Sport, Recreation, and Leisure Services incorporate the needs and concerns of persons with disabilities and meets the requirements of the **Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act**.
 - .3 Provide various means of financial assistance, subject to available funding, and explore funding/partnership opportunities to help support those who's financial status may limit their participation in City Sport, Recreation, and Leisure Activities.
 - .4 Provide an adequate and accessible land base designed to accommodate active and passive outdoor Sport, Recreation, and Leisure Activities and experiences for the City's residents and visitors.
 - .5 Plan for and develop Sport, Recreation, and Leisure Facilities and infrastructure that are inclusive, can readily adapt to changing trends, and are multi-purpose wherever possible.
 - .6 Ensure a fair approach to the allocation and use of the City's Sport, Recreation, and Leisure Facilities to respond to diverse priorities and interests.
 - .7 Seek opportunities to attract Sports Tourism related initiatives.
 - .8 Work with community partners, whenever possible, in the identification and fulfillment of mutual interest Sport, Recreation, and Leisure Activities.
 - .9 Align local sport, recreation, and leisure initiatives with provincial and federal programs to maximize community benefits.
 - .10 Support a consistent approach to Sport, Recreation, and Leisure Services across the Peterborough region through ongoing collaboration and consultation with township partners.

3.0 APPLICATION

- 3.1** This Policy applies to all those individuals, groups, and/or organizations responsible for or involved in developing or delivering any part of the City's Sport, Recreation, and Leisure Services.



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3.0 APPLICATION

3.2 This Policy applies to all aspects of the City 's Sport, Recreation, and Leisure Services including all:

- .1 Sport, Recreation, and Leisure Activities delivered by or on behalf of the City.
- .2 Planning, development, consultation, and partnering processes undertaken in the design and delivery of those Services.
- .3 Sport, Recreation, and Leisure Facilities where such Services take place.

4.0 DEFINITIONS/ACRONYMS (As Required)

City - The Corporation of the City of Peterborough.

Sport, Recreation & Leisure Facilities - Physical indoor or outdoor entities that are built, installed, or established to serve particular recreational/leisure uses or purposes, which may include: a gymnasium, fitness centre, arena, pool, activity centre, sports field/court, trail, park, splash pad, pavilion, library, museum, art gallery. performance centre/stage etc.

Sport, Recreation & Leisure Activities - Voluntarily pursued activities/programs of a recreation, sport, art or cultural nature, that may be self-directed or instructional, providing skill development, social inclusion and/or increased physical health in a particular leisure pursuit. Activities/programs may be introductory or specialty and are of an ongoing nature. In some instances, user fees are charged to offset costs associated with the provision of the activity.

Sports Tourism - Travel undertaken for the purpose of engaging in a particular sporting event either as a spectator or a participant.



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5.0 APPENDIX, RELATED POLICIES, PROCEDURES & LINKS

(Note: All references refer to the current version, as may be amended from time to time)

5.1 Pertinent Resources

5.2 Related Policies

5.3 Related Procedures

5.4 Related Forms

5.5 Miscellaneous

6.0 AMENDMENTS/ REVIEWS

Next Review Date

Date
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Comments