



TOWN OF VAUXHALL BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT POLICY FOR COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Purpose:

To provide a procedure respecting INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOUR AND ACTIVITIES IN THE TOWN OF VAUXHALL COMMUNITY FACILITIES such as arenas, recreation centers, swimming pools, parks, sport fields and associated parking lots.

Policy Statement:

The Town of Vauxhall Community Facilities exist to provide residents with opportunities to participate in recreational and leisure activities in a safe and positive atmosphere. The Town will endeavor to encourage the most supportive climate possible so that all people may enjoy these facilities. Every visitor to any Vauxhall Community Facilities is expected to behave or act in a manner that respects the rights of others so that they may use and enjoy them. It is understood that organizations that rent or utilize Town facilities must take PRIMARY responsibility for the behavior and actions of all persons associated with their program or event.

Procedures:

1. To encourage appropriate behavior and activities in all Community Facilities.
2. To promote a safe and positive atmosphere in all Community Facilities.

Inappropriate Behavior and Activities:

For the purposes of this Policy, the focus is on positive behavior of any person present at or using Community Facilities. Behavior and activities that obstruct or hinder the rights of others to use and enjoy Community Facilities is unacceptable and prohibited. Offences may result in expulsion from the premises, full restitution for any damages and/or suspension of privileges.

1. Activities that are unacceptable and prohibited include:
 - a) Creating a disturbance
 - b) Fighting/molesting/harassing
 - c) Using profanity/obscene language directed at/or disturbing to others
 - d) Vandalizing property
 - e) Intimidating/threatening others
 - f) Disrupting a program or event
 - g) Engaging in horseplay, causing unsafe conditions
 - h) In-line skating/skateboarding/bicycling, except where permitted at Community Services facilities
 - i) Littering
 - j) Blocking corridors/thoroughfares/stairways/exits
 - k) Causing unsanitary conditions
 - l) Consumption of alcoholic beverages is prohibited in unlicensed areas

2. Activity contrary to Canadian Criminal Code, other federal statutes, provincial statutes and municipal by-law and policies.
3. Other activity may be prohibited from time to time by further resolutions of Town Council.
4. The list of inappropriate behavior and activities will be posted at all Community facilities in a prominent location.
5. The use of cell phones, cameras, personal digital assistants (PDA's), and electronic equipment with photographic abilities be prohibited in facility change rooms and public washrooms.

Enforcement:

The Town Staff are authorized to take the following enforcement steps at a Community Facility if inappropriate behavior or activities are observed or reported.

1. Enforcement Steps

- a) Witness, or receive a report on, inappropriate behavior or activity
- b) Assess situation
- c) Verbal requests to refrain from a prohibited activity
- d) Verbal directions to leave the property, citing as the reason the failure to refrain from a named prohibited activity
- e) Advise CAO or designate
- f) Upon offenders refusal to comply with c) or d) Town Staff may call Police or Municipal Enforcement
- g) Prepare a report including: activity, action taken, identification of offender including name, phone number, address and present to CAO or designate.
- h) Anyone who commits inappropriate and prohibited behavior or activity can be prohibited from returning to the program and event indefinitely on decision of CAO or designate
- i) Town of Vauxhall Employees are not authorized to physically remove any person/persons from the Community Facility.