

**Policy Title: Recreation Facility Access Policy**

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## 1. POLICY STATEMENT

The Municipality of Jasper recognizes that recreation and physical activity are important for both physical and mental health and as well as general wellbeing.

In the public recreation facilities, it owns and operates, the Municipality of Jasper shall work to reduce or remove financial barriers to access for identified groups through a *Recreation Access Program*.

## 2. SCOPE

The policy applies to the following facilities:

- Jasper Fitness and Aquatic Centre (pool, weight room, bouldering wall)
- Jasper Activity Centre (tennis courts, racquetball courts, skating arena)

## 3. IDENTIFIED GROUPS

The Municipality shall offer reduced cost or no cost memberships (passes) to the following groups:

Group	Age	Type of pass	Additional Qualification Requirements
Resident Children and Youth	0-17	1 year	None
Resident Adults	18-74	3 month	Adults must be referred by Community Outreach Services
Resident Older Adults	75+	1 year	None

The Municipality may also enter into agreements with external groups to offer reduced cost or no cost access to recreation facilities on a case by case basis. Relationships to external groups are outlined in policy F-104.

## 4. STANDARDS

All residents who receive a pass through the Recreation Access Policy are subject to any rules in place regarding conduct and behaviour in municipal facilities. Residents who receive a pass through the Recreation Access Program need to renew their pass based on the type of pass listed above.

## 5. REPORTING

Administration shall track the use of recreation facilities under this policy and annually report to Council:

- The number of residents signed up to use facilities under this policy by age group.
- The number of visits by participants, broken down by age group
- The value of the program had all users purchased annual memberships or 3 month passes.

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## **6. RESPONSIBILITIES**

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- Review and approve procedures related to this policy.

Council

- Review and receive reports on utilization of the policy
- Review and approve any revisions to this policy

Directors and Managers

- Carry out the policy based on established procedures.

## **7. DEFINITIONS**

**Recreation Access Program** – Refers only to the groups of individuals listed within this policy.

**Community Outreach Services** – A support service in Jasper where all ages can access free, confidential support and referral, Monday to Friday from 9am to 4:30pm. 780-852-2100. [community@jasper-alberta.ca](mailto:community@jasper-alberta.ca).