

COUNCIL POLICY:

Facility Conduct

POLICY NUMBER: F-30

RESOLUTION NUMBER: 2025-12 **ADOPTED:** January 14, 2025

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Policy Statement:

Activities at municipal facilities must be conducted in a safe, welcoming, and inclusive manner.

The purpose of this policy is to:

Establish guidelines for addressing inappropriate behavior and, if necessary, prohibiting access to municipal facilities for individuals who engage in such behavior.

1. Definitions

- (1) Disruptive conduct: persistent loud or disruptive behavior that interferes with the enjoyment of the facility by others.
- (2) Harassment or intimidation: verbal or physical actions intended to, or reasonably perceived to threaten, demean, or intimidate others.
- (3) Illegal activities: any activity deemed unlawful under local, provincial, or federal law.
- **(4)** Substance abuse: consumption of alcohol or illegal substances except where expressly permitted.
- (5) Supervisor: the individual present at and responsible for a municipal facility
- **(6)** Vandalism or property damage: defacing, destroying, or misusing municipal property or equipment.
- (7) Violence or aggression: physical assault, fighting, or any act of violence.



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2. Guidelines

(1) Responsibilities

ROLE	RESPONSIBILITIES
Employees (all)	 Report prohibited conduct to a supervisor Participate in documenting incidents involving prohibited conduct where required Understand relevant legislation and policy and participate in related training
Supervisor	 Take action to stop prohibited conduct in accordance with subsection 3(1) Document incidents involving prohibited conduct Cooperate with the CAO to draft notices of prohibition
Chief Administrative Officer (CAO)	Draft and approve notices of prohibitionReview appeals and issue decisions

(2) Scope

- (a) No user of a municipal facility, including but not limited to residents, visitors, contractors, and employees, shall engage in prohibited conduct within or on the grounds of any
 - (i) building,
 - (ii) park,
 - (iii) recreation centre,
 - (iv) library, or
 - (v) other space owned or operated by the municipality.
- **(b)** Prohibited conduct includes:
 - (i) Harassment or intimidation
 - (ii) Violence or aggression
 - (iii) Vandalism or property damage
 - (iv) Substance abuse
 - (v) Disruptive conduct

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(vi) Illegal activities

(3) Prohibited conduct and enforcement procedures as outlined in this policy shall be reflected on signage posted at municipal facilities.

3. Procedure - Enforcement

- (1) Immediate Actions
 - (a) Supervisors may request that individuals engaging in prohibited conduct leave the premises immediately.
 - **(b)** In cases of severe misconduct or emergencies, supervisors shall contact law enforcement.
- (2) Incident Reporting
 - (a) Incidents may be reported by the facility employee / supervisor or the incident may be reported by a user of the facility.
 - **(b)** Supervisors shall document incidents of prohibited conduct using an incident report form.
- (3) Notice of Prohibition
 - (a) Individuals that engage in prohibited conduct may receive written notice of prohibition from accessing municipal facilities.
 - **(b)** All notices of prohibition shall describe the
 - (i) incident(s) leading to the prohibition,
 - (ii) facility to which the prohibition applies,
 - (iii) duration of prohibition, and
 - (iv) appeal process.
- (4) Duration of Prohibition
 - (a) The length of the prohibition will be based on the severity and frequency of the behavior.
 - **(b)** Following receipt of the incident report, the CAO or designate will determine the length of prohibition from the facility with parameters as follows:
 - (i) Minor infractions: Up to 7 days
 - (ii) Repeated or severe infractions: 30 days to up to 2 years.



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(5) Appeal Process

- (a) An individual may appeal their prohibition by submitting written request to the CAO within 14 days of receiving notice.
- **(b)** The CAO shall issue a written decision to the applicant within 30 days of receipt.
- (c) An individual may appeal the decision of the CAO by submitting written notice to the Town Council within 14 days of receiving the decision of the CAO
- (d) The Town Council shall issue a written decision to the applicant within 7 days of the Council meeting wherein the appeal is received.