

Staff Report to Council

Parks, Recreation and Culture

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REPORT DATE: February 22, 2022

MEETING DATE:

March 08, 2022

TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Carleen McDowell, Manager of Recreation and Culture

SUBJECT: Access and Inclusion Policy

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER REVIEW/APPROVAL:



RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT Council:

- A. Approve the amendments to the Access & Inclusion Council Policy C078 as presented at the March 8th, 2022 meeting of Council; OR
 - B. Other.
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PURPOSE

To present Council with a policy that supports access for residents to participate and engage in Parks, Recreation and Culture opportunities.

☐ Information Report

☒ Decision Report

☐ Direction Report

DISCUSSION

Background:

Council Policy C078 Recreation Access was identified for review as part of the overall city wide policy review process. This policy was established in November 2016 based on similar policy within the Joint Leisure Services Agreement (JLSA) framework. At that time the administrative policy A031 Independent Support Workers in Parks and Recreation Programs was also created. As administrative policies are just held within the department to guide operations they are not

widely known by the public. Combining these two policies aligns with Parks, Recreation and Culture Masterplans recommendation Service Delivery Strategy #9 by enhancing awareness of opportunities to individuals that are underrepresented in current programs and activities.

Analysis:

Policy C078 – Recreation Access has been renamed to be C078 – Access and Inclusion and is intended to:

- Include the key elements of the previous Administrative Policy A031 Independent Support Worker;
- Clarify the approach staff will take to provide accessible and inclusive services to residents;
- Update terminology and best practices in the industry; and
- Update the format to the new Council Policy template.

If Council wishes to review the current policy before amendments, it can be reviewed online at https://www.pittmeadows.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/policies/c078_recreation_access.pdf

This policy works in conjunction with the Program and Admission Fee Subsidization Policy C083 which was reviewed in December 2020. Policy C083 establishes guidelines for residents who may not be able to financially afford to participate in programs and services can apply to receive subsidization. That policy can be reviewed online at

https://www.pittmeadows.ca/sites/default/files/uploads/policies/c083_program_and_admission_fee_subsidization_1.pdf

COUNCIL STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT

- ☒ Principled Governance ☐ Balanced Economic Prosperity ☐ Corporate Excellence
☒ Community Spirit & Wellbeing ☐ Transportation & Infrastructure Initiatives
☐ Not Applicable
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FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- ☒ None ☐ Budget Previously Approved ☐ Referral to Business Planning
☐ Other
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

- ☒ Inform ☐ Consult ☐ Involve ☐ Collaborate ☐ Empower

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Referral ☐ Yes ☒ No

SIGN-OFFS

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ATTACHMENT(S):

A. DRAFT C078 - Access and Inclusion Policy