

POLICY #10

PUBLIC USE POLICY - LEASED LANDS & FACILITIES

DATES OF APPROVAL

Original Policy: The City of Airdrie
 April 1997

DEFINITION

Opening the facility to the public 50% of the aggregate amount of operating time available.

Operating time is normally scheduled between 8:00 a.m. and midnight and scheduling of 50% public use is proportionately distributed between prime time and non-prime time.

OR

Providing the opportunity for 50% public participation in programming and facility use including taking steps to publicize and encourage this use.

CONDITIONS IN ACCOMMODATING PUBLIC USE

Facilities must be accessible to the public without discrimination as to ability to pay either by:

- (a) offering membership permitting general use of the facility by any citizen of Airdrie at a reasonable fee that is not restrictive;
- (b) in the case of community associations, offering a membership that permits general use of the facility by any resident of the community at a reasonable fee that is not restrictive.

OR

- (c) by providing for 50% public use through:
 - (i) rentals
 - (ii) providing of regularly scheduled classes, programs and activities that are open to the public;
 - (iii) non-member walk-in charges (pay a nominal fee and use of the facility).

No activity area funded through the major Provincial or Public Funding source such as

Recreation/Cultural Grant Program or Community Facility Enhancement Grant can be held for the exclusive use of the membership over an extended period of time.

The Director or her designate, may at their discretion and acting reasonably, taking into account the need for protection of members interest:

- (a) request 50% public use in specified activities or facility components where demand is evident or public use is appropriate;
- (b) request increased availability or operating time where demand has been expressed and the facility is under-utilized;
- (c) request a specific mix of rentals, programs and general admissions as best accommodating the public use demand;
- (d) set a minimum percent participation by non-members in programs or activities as constituting public use;
- (e) establish program or activity booking procedures to ensure that non members are given sufficient opportunity to achieve 50% participation.

PUBLICITY

Where conditions warrant, satisfactory publicity arrangements must be made to inform the general public of facilities and programs available to them.

Date: April 21, 1997

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Recreation Board Chairperson