



# Municipality of Meaford Corporate Policy

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**Policy:** Recreation Fund  
**Department:** Community Services  
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## Policy Statement

The Municipality of Meaford is committed to ensuring equal access to recreational opportunities for individuals and families with modest income who reside within the Municipality.

## Purpose

This policy provides details of the municipal subsidy program "Recreation Fund" and its administration.

## Definitions

“Applicant” means main contact; parent, guardian, family, friend, education professional, community member, etc.

“Participant” means child, youth or adult participating in the recreational activity.

“LICO” means Statistic Canada’s Low Income Cut-off, before tax base, Population under 30,000.

“Annual credit” means the dollar amount available for use for each participant, per calendar year.

“Support worker” means a person who is paid to provide 1:1 support to a participant with a disability to ensure the participant’s full access to and inclusion in programming.

## Scope

The Municipality of Meaford provides annual tax-supported funding to its municipal subsidy program, the Recreation Fund. Funding is subject to council budget approval.

## Policy Requirements

### Eligibility

To be an applicant you must be at least 18 years of age or older.

Participant must reside in the Municipality of Meaford.

Have a before-tax income of less than the most recent Statistics Canada’s Low Income Cut-off (LICO) plus an additional:

- \$60,000 for Children & Youth 19 years of age and under
- \$30,000 for Adults 20 years of age and older

Example: If the LICO is \$31,068 for a family for 3, an additional \$60,000 is added to increase the before-tax income to



\$91,068 for children and youth eligibility or \$61,068 for adult eligibility.

Annual credit amounts:

- \$750 for Children & Youth 19 years of age and under
- \$500 for Adults 20 years of age and older

Applicants must contribute 10% of the total cost with a minimum contribution of \$25 per activity, equipment or transportation.

Where applicants are not the primary caregiver for the participant, every effort should be made to obtain the applicant contribution, however it may be waived at the discretion of the Meaford Food Bank & Outreach and the Municipality of Meaford.

Example: An education professional submits an application on behalf of a student.

## Applicability

This policy applies to the following types of recreation programs and activities:

Children & Youth (19 years of age and under)

- Registration Fees from established recreation, amateur, and "house league" level organizations or programs (in-person or virtual)
- Bluewater District School Board (BWDSB) recreational trips
- Equipment (New & Used)
- Transportation Fees (Hired)
- Summer Camps
- Fitness Memberships (Individual)
- Non-resident fees
- Recreational related licenses/passes (i.e. Grey-Sauble Seasons Pass or Fishing License)
- Cost of support worker for participants requiring inclusion support to participate in any program or activity for which funding is allowed under this policy.



Adults (20 years of age and older)

- Registration Fees from established recreation, amateur, and “house league” level organizations or programs (in-person or virtual)
  - Programs MUST occur in the Municipality of Meaford
- Fitness Memberships (Individual or Family)
- Recreational related licenses/passes (i.e. Grey-Sauble Seasons Pass or Fishing License)
- Cost of support worker for participants requiring inclusion support to participate in any program or activity for which funding allowed under this policy.

This policy does not apply to following programs or activities:

- Tuition fees associated with private schooling
- Private facility rentals
- Private instruction

## Administration

The Meaford Food Bank & Outreach is responsible for the administration and disbursement of the funds.

## Monitoring

Policy reviewed annually as part of the budget process.

## Authority

This policy is established pursuant to Section 11 (2) of the Municipal Act, 2001 which provides for the passing of by-laws and adoption of policies pertaining to the accountability and transparency of the Municipality, and the financial management of the Municipality.

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## Change History

Policy Name	Effective Date	Significant Changes	By-law No.
Recreation Fund Policy	February 2023	Amendment to income eligibility and annual funding limits. Addition of personal support worker funding.	