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Purpose

To ensure that persons with a disability are assured access to recreational programs offered by the City of St. John's.

Policy Statement

DEFINITIONS

Participation The involvement in any one or more of a spectrum of activities, ranging from passive to active.

Integration A process enabling persons with a disability to participate in existing activities of daily living, therefore providing an optimum of opportunities for participation.

Disability Having a degree of psychological, physical, intellectual or sensory limitation which may inhibit a person's participation in activities of daily living.

Accessibility Ensuring barrier free design by removing physical obstacles, promoting positive attitudes and providing support to enable all persons with a disability to be part of community life.

PROGRAMS and SERVICES

1. The Department of Recreation will encourage persons with a disability to participate in recreation programs and services.
2. Transitional programs may be used as an initial orientation tool to introduce people to programs and services with the intent people will become more knowledgeable and aware and will move closer towards increased participation in leisure activities.
3. The Department acknowledges people may require support to participate as well as adaptations to equipment, services and facilities.

HUMAN RESOURCES

The Department of Recreation will recruit and train staff and volunteer resources to support participation by all people in leisure and recreation services.

USER FEES

The Department of Recreation will ensure that participation in City of St. John's leisure and recreation programs and services will not be restricted due to financial limitations.

TRANSPORTATION

The Department of Recreation will support efforts to improve and enhance transportation services for persons with a disability who wish to participate in leisure and recreation services.

PHYSICAL ACCESSIBILITY

1. The Department of Building and Property Management will ensure that all new facilities providing programs and services meet accessibility standards.
2. The Department of Building and Property Management will develop and implement strategies to ensure existing facilities meet accessibility standards

EDUCATION

The Department of Recreation will take a lead role in improving levels of education and awareness regarding the value of recreation and leisure as an integral part of the quality of life.

COMMUNITY COLLABORATION

1. The Department of Recreation will play a significant role in bringing concerned individuals, including those with a disability, and community groups together to address key issues related to the provision of leisure services for persons with a disability.
2. The Department will seek the advice and input of such individuals and groups when developing policy and when working on specific initiatives.

Application

Responsibilities

Department of Recreation, Department of Building and Property Management.

Definition

References/Appendix

Monitoring and Contravention

Approvals

St. John's Department of Tourism, Recreation and Parks Policy Statement - Leisure Services for Persons with a Disability - January 1994; Regular Meeting of Council - April 11, 1994; Parks and Recreation Standing Committee report - September 20, 2001; Regular Meeting of Council - October 1, 2001.

Review Period

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