

PUBLIC USE POLICY

Council Decision - 1986/09/02

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

The Director of Calgary Parks & Recreation or his 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.