



Town of Whitby Policy

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Policy Statement

The Recreation Fee Assistance Program (FAP) was established to provide support for those living in a low income household in the Town of Whitby access to municipal recreation programs and services.

Purpose

The Town of Whitby is committed to providing all residents with safe and enjoyable recreation opportunities and supports participation in an effort to improve health, well-being and sense of municipal belonging.

Scope

This policy applies to all Whitby residents who meet the established requirements for fee assistance for municipal recreation programs.

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1 Fee Assistance Program

1.1 Fee Assistance will be provided based on financial need and availability of funds under one of the following two categories:

- a) Currently receiving Ontario Works or Ontario Disability Support Program and/or the total family income is below the Low Income Cut-offs; fee assistance of 100% will be provided.
- b) Total family income is within 25% of Low-Income Cut-Offs; fee assistance of 50% will be provided.

1.2 Approval will be given for one eligible* municipal recreation program or membership per individual per session (4/yr.) up to a maximum of \$600 per year. Age categories for funding are as follows:

- Children 0-14 years - one program per individual, per session up to a maximum of \$125/session fall, winter and spring; and \$225 for summer.
- Youth and Adults (15 -54 yrs.) - one program or membership per individual, per session up to a maximum of \$150/session.
- Adults (55 yrs. and older) - one 55+ annual membership and one program or membership per individual, per session up to a maximum of \$150/session.

*Note: Town of Whitby specialty programs such as private and semi-private swimming lessons, 3rd party contracted programs, and personal training/nutrition counselling are ineligible for Recreation Fee Assistance.

1.3 Financial assistance for qualifying community based programming (Community Connection, Community Organizations) may be provided through the Canadian Tire Jumpstart Program for any physical activity program for children ages 4 to 18 years of age;

2 Responsibility

2.1 It is the responsibility of the Supervisor Recreation & Community Programs to oversee this process. All requests and completed forms should be directed to the Recreation Program Coordinator.

3 Policy Review

This policy will be reviewed on a regular basis to ensure the needs of the community are addressed effectively as the Town's population and composition continues to change.

This Policy is hereby approved by Council Resolution #98-20 on this 19th day of May, 2020.