

PROGRAM AND ADMISSION FEE SUBSIDIZATION

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1. Policy Statement

Access to Parks, Recreation and Culture (PRC) programs and services in city owned facilities will be subsidized within the established guidelines for local residents who cannot financially afford to participate.

While it is recognized that many people do not have the ability to pay the full fee for programs and services, all participants are required to pay a portion of the fee.

2. Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to recognize that all residents of Pitt Meadows have an equal right of access to PRC programs and services and to provide assistance and support to ensure that all individuals have equal access to participate.

3. Scope

This policy applies to Pitt Meadows residents who meet the eligibility for low income cut-offs (LICO) as established by the Federal government. LICOs are income thresholds below which a family will likely devote a larger share of its income on the necessities of food, shelter and clothing than the average family.

4. Exclusions

The following are excluded from accessing these services outlined in the policy this includes:

- Temporary residents (visitors), including those on a study or work permit
- Immigrants classified as business class, an investor or entrepreneur

5. Policy

All residents of Pitt Meadows should have equal access to participate in PRC programs and services. This policy provides an opportunity for individuals and families with limited income to participate in a variety of community activities through reduced program and admission fees.

Residents who meet the eligibility for low income cut-offs (LICOs) as established by Federal government can apply for fee subsidy. Applicants must provide documentation that they are a local resident and that they meet the LICO threshold. That documentation must also show a minimum of \$5,000 of income to ensure they are reporting income in Canada.

Once approved individuals will be provided a discounted rate on programs and admission fees for a period of one year and may reapply each year providing the same documentation to ensure they continue to meet the qualifications of the program.

5.1 Definitions

In this policy,

(a) ***Admission Fee Subsidization*** means approval for partial subsidy of admission fees

(b) ***Program Fee Subsidization*** means approval for partial subsidy of program fees

(c) ***Resident*** means anyone whose primary residence is within the City of Pitt Meadows.

6. Related Policies

Fees and Charges Policy C070