

Purpose:

The purpose of this policy is to establish the hours of Recreation, Parks & Culture facilities operations for Sundays and holidays and to regulate holiday operating costs of facilities.

Policy Statement(s):

1. The City does not sanction or endorse youth group activity prior to 12:00 noon on Sunday, but will accept bookings for use of recreation and culture facilities from community organizations who wish to use this time for their programs.
2. The Recreation, Parks & Culture Department will not generally sponsor Sunday activities other than afternoon public skating and swimming, however, City Council has the authority to authorize activity prior to 12:00 noon, and the Recreation, Parks & Culture Manager has the authority to authorize activity after 12:00 noon, if circumstances warrant.
3. Recreation, Parks & Culture Department facilities operated by private enterprise under a formal agreement are not governed by this policy, and the hours of operation are as stipulated in the agreement, or as approved from time to time by City Council. These facilities include Bower Ponds Pavilion, Heritage Ranch Visitors and Equestrian Centre, Lions Campground, Memorial Centre, Old Court House Cultural Centre, Cronquist House, Fort Normandeau, Kerry Wood Nature Centre, Community Shelters and the River Bend Golf Course/Recreation Area.
4. Recreation, Parks & Culture Department sponsored special events will be discouraged on Sunday unless they are with a family orientation.
5. All Recreation, Parks & Culture Department facilities will be closed on Good Friday.
6. All Recreation, Parks & Culture Department facilities will remain closed until 12:00 noon on Remembrance Day.
7. All Recreation, Parks & Culture Department facilities will be closed at 5:00 p.m. on Christmas Eve and remain closed Christmas Day.
8. All Recreation, Parks & Culture Department facilities will be closed at 5:00 p.m. New Year's Eve and, subject to the provisions in Clause 9.

9. Bookings for special events will be accepted for any Recreation and Culture Department facility on all holidays except Christmas Day, Good Friday, and Remembrance Day morning; however, there will be a premium rental charge applied, sufficient to cover all additional staff costs in excess of the normal rate.
10. The City may open some facilities for public skating and swimming on all holidays, excluding New Year's Day and excluding the holidays stated in Clause 9.
11. All requests for special considerations in contravention of the Sunday & Holiday Policy shall be directed to the Recreation, Parks & Culture Board and City Council.

Authority/Responsibility to Implement:

The City Manager will ensure the policy requirements are met and updated as required.

Document History:

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