

Leisure Access Program Application Form *(Strategy A1 of Leisure Access Policy)*

No Dawson Creek resident should be refused admission or registration for any public recreation activity due to inability to pay. The Leisure Access Program intends to help economically disadvantaged City of Dawson Creek individuals or families access City-sponsored recreation programs.

Qualification Criteria: For an individual or family to qualify for this program, applicants must:

- ☐ Be a permanent resident of Dawson Creek, and
- ☐ Have a family income at or below the recognized Statistics Canada low-income cut-off threshold. Information on [LICO](#)

***REFER TO LEISURE ACCESS POLICY, NEXT PAGE.**

MAIN APPLICANT INFORMATION	
First Name:	Last Name:
Address:	Date of Birth (M/D/Y):
City:	Postal Code:
Telephone: ()	Email:

*Please list all family members living in the household (including the main applicant) and their requests:			Program applying for. RANK BY PRIORITY, #1-4 (1 is the most important, 4 is the least important) *Note some programs are seasonal.				
Last Name (if different from above)	First Name	Date of Birth (M/D/Y)	Drop in Swim	Drop in Climb	Drop in Skating	Drop in Rec	Rec Programs Name
1.							
2.							
3.							
4.							
5.							
6.							

Forms that are incomplete or illegible will be returned to the applicant.

Please note, that funding is limited and is not guaranteed.

Trusted Partner Use Only (please ensure the applicant meets the qualification criteria as outlined above, before completing this section).	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ I have thoroughly read and understood the full Leisure Access Policy as attached. ➤ I authorize that the applicant(s) listed are eligible as outlined in this policy and qualify for the City of Dawson Creek Leisure Access Program. ➤ I agree to take part in a telephone follow-up if required. 	
Name (please print) and Title:	Organization
Telephone ()	
Signature	Date:

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Approved: ☐ YES ☐ NO (attach reason)

Date: _____ Signature: _____

LEISURE ACCESS POLICY

The Council of the City of Dawson Creek believes that:

No Dawson Creek resident should be refused admission or registration for any public recreation activity due to inability to pay a fee or charge. Like education, health, or safety, recreation is a basic human need and should be available to all.

1. Strategies

The Leisure Access Policy utilizes three strategies to remove barriers that prevent Dawson Creek residents from accessing City-sponsored recreation programs:

a) *Individual/Family Requests*

Not all residents in Dawson Creek are able to participate in City recreation programs due to an inability to pay a fee or charge. Individuals or families may request free access through an application process. Individuals or families will be granted free access if they can demonstrate that they fall below the low-income cut-offs (LICO) threshold or qualify for Income Assistance.

i) **Qualification Criteria** - In order for an individual or family to qualify for this program, households must:

- be a permanent resident of Dawson Creek, and
- have a family income at or below the recognized Statistics Canada low-income cut-off threshold Information on [LICO](#)

b) *Group Requests*

The City of Dawson Creek often receives requests from groups for free access to drop-in programs. Groups requesting free single admission passes will be evaluated by the General Manager of Community Services or his/her delegate based on the Benefits Continuum defined in the *User Fees and Charges for Publicly Provided Parks and Recreation Services Policy*. Any group requesting more than 20 passes annually will require Council approval.

c) *Reduced Fee Events*

Whenever the benefit to the community is the greatest, the City will offer drop-in programs at reduced fees, removing barriers to access for people who may not otherwise be able to participate. Examples of reduced fee programs include toonie swims, skates, and rock wall climbing.

2. Program Eligibility

a) *Eligible programs:*

- i) drop-in activities including, but not limited to, swimming, skating, rock wall climbing, and sports.
- ii) registered recreation programs

b) *Ineligible programs:*

- i) rentals
- ii) certification courses
- iii) league fees

3. Application Guidelines

Applications for this program will be received by the Community Services Department and must be signed off by a trusted partner (as defined below) to verify applicants meet all qualification criteria.

Trusted Partner: A trusted partner is defined as any of the following:

- a) Social Service Agency
- b) Government Agency
- c) Non-profit organization working with an individual or family and capable of verifying the applicant's income status.

4. Selection Process

Selections will be made by the General Manager of Community Services, or his/her delegate, based on Overall Benefit as defined in the *User Fees and Charges for Publicly Provided Parks and Recreation Services Policy*. In addition, available funding, new customers and first received will be considered.

Applications will be considered on the first day of each month.