

The Corporation of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

SECTION: RECREATION

SUBJECT: OUTDOOR ICE RINK PROTOCOL

Preamble

Community volunteers have built ice rinks within the Township for a number of years. These ice rinks are a benefit to the community through the efforts of our volunteers.

The Parks & Recreation Department interacts with community volunteers to provide safe, unscheduled public skating opportunities within the community.

General Information

The ice rink operating season will generally range from December 15th to March 15th annually. Each ice rink will be approximately 120' x 60'.

In the interest of public safety:

- Each rink location will have separate areas for hockey and public skating, with a physical barrier between them.
- Use of hockey nets and physical boundaries will be consistent with public safety.

Volunteers interested in participating on an ice rink team are expected to complete an application form on an annual basis.

A buddy system is recommended when working on an outdoor ice rink. A volunteer should work with another ice rink team member or make arrangements for someone to check on them every half hour.

Daily/weekly maintenance of the ice rinks will be consistent with the procedures manual.

It is recommended that the rinks be flooded at least four times (4x) per week to maintain a suitable skating surface. Rinks receive heavy use on weekends so flooding during the weekend may be needed.

ICE RINK TEAMS

It is recommended that an outdoor ice rink team have a minimum of five volunteers. The team leader should be of Age of Majority.

Training seminars are conducted on an annual basis re: ice rink construction, maintenance and risk management. Volunteers are encouraged to take the seminar to ensure that they are following the Townships policies and procedures.

EQUIPMENT

The Parks and Recreation Department will provide the following at each rink location:

- Two shovels per rink
- Hoses and nozzles as required
- Access to a water source
- Storage area
- Two hockey nets
- Two benches/picnic tables per rink
- Standard First Aid Kit

ANNUAL REVIEW

The Manager of Parks & Recreation will review the ice outdoor ice rink program on an annual basis and report to Council only if changes are recommended.