

# The Corporation of the Township of Guelph/Eramosa



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## PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT

**SECTION:** RECREATION

**SUBJECT:** OUTDOOR ICE RINK PROTOCOL

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### **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 15<sup>th</sup> to March 15<sup>th</sup> 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.