	COUNCIL POLICY		GA 81-24	
	POLICY TITLE			Municipal Facility Alcohol and Cannabis Policy
	Policy Type:		GA 81-24	

PURPOSE:

To establish responsibilities and procedures for controlling and reporting the presence and / or consumption of alcoholic beverages and/or cannabis on or in municipally managed facilities.

POLICY STATEMENT:

No person shall have any alcoholic beverages in their possession for personal consumption or for sale or exposed for sale on any outdoor park or recreation areas including sports fields.

No person shall have any alcoholic beverages in their possession for personal consumption or for sale or exposed for sale in any municipally managed facilities.

No person shall consume cannabis in any form in any municipally managed facility inclusive of sports fields.

Nevertheless, the Town Manager or his designate may from time to time approve the presence and consumption of alcoholic beverages in the following municipally managed facilities:

1. Cultural Centre
2. Landing Trail School Joint Use Portion
3. Town Office
4. Public Works Shop
5. Arena
6. Museum

Approval will be granted only if all the following conditions are met:

A. Private Functions

1. The event is a private function to which public is not invited.
2. The entire municipally operated area is reserved for this private function and the public is not permitted in any portion of this area.
3. The lessee obtains a license or permit from the Alberta Liquor Control Board.
4. The lessee agrees to pay any additional fees over and above the regular rental fee to cover the costs of additional supervision, if required.


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5. The lessee shall hold the municipality harmless and indemnify the municipality for any loss or damage relating to the negligent use of the facilities or the serving of alcohol.
6. The bar / lounge area must be under constant supervision and access must be restricted as governed by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission.
7. The hours of operation of the bar / lounge area must be posted and must reflect the operating hours agreed to by the Alberta Liquor Control Board, and the lessee.
8. The individual consumption of alcoholic beverages must be monitored as directed by the Alberta Gaming and Liquor Commission to ensure consumption is not excessive to avoid potential problems with respect to property damage and any intervention of the RCMP.
9. Host Liquor Liability and Third-Party Liability Insurance must be provided at the cost of the Lessee. The lessee has the option of purchasing this insurance from the Town of Gibbons or if they wish, to provide their own, the Town of Gibbons must be as an "Additional Named Insured". A copy of the policy must be filed with the Town of Gibbons prior to the date of the event.

B. Public Functions

1. Facility booking requests for public spectator and for non-spectator events, adult ball tournaments, adult hockey tournaments, banquets, conventions, dances, and other sporting events where alcoholic beverages are served, will be evaluated on their own merits, and may be accepted provided that Nos. 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, and 9 of the above terms and conditions are met.
2. In all cases, the dispensing and consumption of alcoholic beverages should be in a controlled area, where public access can be regulated and restricted. Exceptions to this may be considered based on the merit of each application.
3. In no event shall the prime focus of the event be on the consumption of alcohol nor shall service of alcohol be associated with events such as boating, swimming, or other events deemed to be dangerous by the Town of Gibbons.
4. Host Liquor Liability Insurance must be provided at the cost of the Lessee. The Lessee has the option of purchasing this insurance from the Town of Gibbons, or



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if they wish, to provide their own, the Town of Gibbons must be named as an "Additional Named Insured". A copy of the policy must be filed with the Town of Gibbons prior to the date of the event.

Facilities operated in accordance with a formal management contract are not covered by this policy.

1. Curling Club

The Town of Gibbons has the authority to withdraw approval prior to, or during, the event if it is not satisfied that all conditions are being met.

Procedures: Violations

Individuals and groups violating the law and this policy may be charged under the Criminal Code and/or suspended from using facilities, whichever is deemed most appropriate at the time. Individuals and groups that have been suspended may request reinstatement after a period of no less than 6 months. A deposit of up to \$1000.00 may be required for the reinstatement of facility access privileges. Should future policy violation(s) take place this deposit would be forfeit and a further suspension may be issued.

Procedures: Facility Bookings

At the time of a booking request, the Town will advise the individuals or organizations that they must assume responsibility for their members, and for their fans, with a view of limiting or forbidding use by those who are unsuccessful in controlling behavior.

Procedures: Education

The lessee is responsible for ensuring their own education and compliance with AGLC's safe dispensing requirements.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

SUPERCEDES: GA 64 -18



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 Town Manager

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