

<i>The Town of Fort Frances</i>	<b>SECTION</b> COMMUNITY SERVICES
<b><u>VANDALISM AND WILFULL DAMAGE</u></b> <b><u>POLICY</u></b>	<b>NEW:</b> February 2012 <b>REVISED:</b>
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## 1.0 General Statement

The Town of Fort Frances has made significant investments in facilities, general infrastructure and staff. The town has also experienced an increasing amount of costs due to repairs and replacement due to acts of vandalism, wilful damage, accidental damage and normal wear and tear.

## 2.0 Purpose

This policy will provide a framework for management to take appropriate action to ensure individuals that are misusing, damaging and committing acts of vandalism against municipal property are dealt with in a timely manner that will minimize future unnecessary damage to municipal facilities.

## 3.0 Procedure

### a. Zero tolerance for acts of vandalism and wilful damage

The Police are to be called on any damage that has occurred at a municipal facility where in the staff's opinion the damage has been caused by an act of vandalism or committed wilfully. If the individual is known to the staff this information is to be communicated to the OPP and we are to co-operate with the Police and court system to ensure that the individuals be prosecuted to the fullest extent of the law.

### b. Accidental damage

All individuals that have committed damage to municipal facilities that is deemed accidental but not an act of vandalism the individual or organization will be required to make full restitution for repair of the damage.

### c. Zero Tolerance for physical violence and threatening behaviour

Physical violence, threatening behaviour and abusive language will not be tolerated and individuals displaying this kind of behaviour will be asked to stop immediately. If behaviour continues they will be asked to leave the facility. The Police are to be

called to escort the individuals from the facility/ premises if there is no improvement in deportment.

#### **4.0 Co- operation with community groups**

A variety of community groups that use and rent our facilities have adopted ZERO TOLERANCE POLICIES. Town administration will assist where necessary and co-operate with our community partners to ensure the safe, and intended use of our facilities by the public. This could include the restriction of access to municipal facilities or the pursuit of legal action at the request of a community group that has experienced repeated misuse of the facility its users, spectators or any other breaches of behaviour that is deemed inappropriate.