

## Report to Council

<b>Report Title:</b>	R Zone Policy		
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<b>Department:</b>	Recreation		
<b>Date:</b>	May 9, 2023		
<b>Report Number:</b>	REC2023-18	<b>File Number:</b>	C11REC, R00, A09
<b>Attachments:</b>	Draft RZone Policy		

### Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report REC2023-18 – R Zone Policy, prepared by Trish Serratore, CFO/Acting Director of Community Services and in doing so approves a By-Law coming forward to adopt the attached RZone Policy.

### Report:

#### Background:

The RZone Policy brand was first established in 2008 and many municipalities in Ontario, including South Bruce, Middlesex, Town of St. Mary's, Guelph, North Perth and many others are currently using the RZone Policy which represents the commitment to fostering an environment where there is **Respect** for yourself; **Respect** for others; and **Responsibility** for your actions. The policy promotes good behaviour and gives users, visitors, and staff the tools to ensure no individual creates a space that is threatening, negative or unsafe for others

The goal of the RZone Policy is to promote a positive, safe, enjoyable and supportive environment for all attendees and staff.

#### Analysis:

The RZone Policy shall apply to all staff and all persons using recreation, parks and culture programs, facilities and properties, including but not limited to patrons, guests, spectators, fans, coaches, players, parents, volunteers, staff and the general public and includes covers structured (i.e. permit issued) and unstructured (i.e. no permit issued) activities.

The policy provides community volunteers and staff with the tools to manage inappropriate behaviour effectively and enforcement guidelines to maintain fairness and consistency in how specific incidents are handled across the Recreation, Culture and Parks department.

The purpose of the RZone policy is to promote:

- Facilities that are free from violence, disrespect and other inappropriate behaviours;
- The safety and security of attendees, volunteers and staff at recreation facilities;
- An environment of Respect for others, and Responsibility for one’s actions for all those attending Brockton recreation facilities;
- Reduced vandalism, violence and other inappropriate behaviours at recreation facilities, through enforcement of the policy.

The RZone Policy represents the Municipality’s commitment to fostering an environment where there is Respect for yourself; Respect for others; and Responsibility for your actions. The Policy will promote a positive, safe, enjoyable and supportive environment for all attendees and staff. Staff recommend the adoption of the RZone Policy brand as it will allow for consistency to both attendees and major user groups.

**Strategic Action Plan Checklist:**

What aspect of the Brockton Strategic Action Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision                       | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Heritage, Culture, and Community              | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Quality of Life                               | Yes |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Land Use Planning and the Natural Environment | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Development                          | N/A |
| • Recommendations contribute to achieving Municipal Governance                          | Yes |

**Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:**

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective?  
N/A

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**Respectfully Submitted by:**



Trish Serratore, CFO/Acting Director of Community Services

**Reviewed By:**



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer