

**FREE RECREATION ADMISSIONS FOR EMERGENCY SUPPORT SERVICES POLICY**  
**Council Policy No. 155/24**

**PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this policy is to hastily offer programs and services to communities affected by Emergency Situations resulting in evacuation. Recreation programs and services can provide a sense of stability, a safe space for gathering, and a mental health reprieve for those affected by evacuation.

**POLICY:**

Recreation Facilities operated by the City of Fort St. John shall grant free admission to individuals and families registered with Emergency Support Services in Fort St. John. Individuals may be asked to provide proof of residence in the affected area, or proof of registration with the Emergency Support Services Reception Centre.

All recreation programs and services delivered by the City of Fort St. John are eligible, excluding partnerships and contracted programs and services.

The Recreation Manager, or designate, has the authority to approve these free admissions upon activation of Emergency Support Services Reception Centre in the City of Fort St. John.

At the discretion of the Recreation Manager, or designate, additional program hours and/or personnel may be introduced to meet the needs of the community at the time of the Emergency Support Services activations.

Free admissions do not apply to private facility rentals, or any restricted programs which the individual would not be permitted to attend under regular circumstances (for example, age-restricted programs).

Free admissions expire upon the closure of the Emergency Support Services Reception Centre and do not have a transferrable cash-value.