



Title: Neighbourhood / Block Party Policy	Internal/External: Internal / External
Department: Recreation & Community Services	Policy Number: RCS-003
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BACKGROUND

Block Parties are organized by residents and help build community and social connections and strengthen neighbourhoods. The Town of Paradise understands the importance of block parties through building creative and cultural health of Paradise by supporting development of friendships and cohesion within neighbourhoods throughout the town.

OBJECTIVE/PURPOSE

Block parties are intended for residents living on the same street and are not intended for larger events to invite the public. This policy will guide residents of Paradise to celebrate the diversity of their neighbourhood through social gatherings and safe, active play.

DEFINITIONS

“Block Party” is defined as an outdoor public social gathering put on by residents of a neighbourhood on a town street, for a celebration in the form of music, games, dance and fun activities and serving of food.

POLICY STATEMENT

The Town of Paradise establishes a policy for a consistent method of processing applications and regulations of Special Events within the town. Any resident of the Town of Paradise wishing to organize a neighbourhood block party must complete a Facility Rental Request Form.

The organizer is responsible for ensuring all participants are aware of the Town of Paradise municipal and provincial bylaws applicable to their event.

GUIDELINES

1. Applications

Block party organizers are required to submit a complete application.

2. Safety

Residents hosting a neighbourhood block party must contact the RNC & St. John’s Regional Fire Departments regarding the event to ensure efficiency and safety in the case of an emergency. Fire Works are not permitted outside of New Years Eve and Canada Day, as per the Noise and Nuisance Regulations.

3. Bylaws

Residents shall follow all Municipal Bylaws prior and during the event.

4. Public Awareness

The applicant for the block party is responsible for ensuring awareness of the event and shall have the support of 50 % of the homes within the enclosed area where the block party is being held.

5. Town Donation

The Town supports block parties by offering resources as available, such as monetary donations based upon the current budget allocations. Public Works may be able to provide waste/recycling bins and barricades for the event.

There are limited funds to go towards these donations; therefore, donations will be made on a first come first served basis.

REVIEW OF POLICY

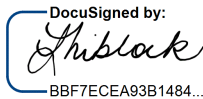
This policy may be subject to review following new knowledge and/or experience.

REVISION HISTORY

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