Council report

Meeting date:	June 7, 2022
Title:	Community Services – RZone Policy
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Reviewed by:	Laura Johnston, CAO

Recommendation

That council receive report "Community Services – RZone Policy" for information and;

That council consider adoption of the policy during the bylaw portion of the meeting.

Executive summary

RZone is an operating procedure that applies to all of the Municipality of West Grey's facilities, properties and programs. The RZone procedure enforces a code of conduct, which includes a set of expectations around violence, vandalism and inappropriate behaviour for participants and the general public.

Background and discussion

RZone is an operating policy that applies to all municipal facilities, programs, and any areas that staff may be present. The RZone policy acts an enforcement tool for the code of conduct as outlined in the policy. The RZone policy and branding is a consistent model originally created by the Town of Oakville, now used across many municipalities and similar organizations including the Town of Orangeville, Town of Caledon, Municipality of Brockton, Municipality of West Perth, and many others.

The 'R' in RZone stands for respect and responsibility:
- Respect for yourself
- Respect for others
- Responsibility for your actions

As adapted from the policy overview:

The Municipality of West Grey is committed to fostering an environment where there is Respect for yourself; Respect for others; and Responsibility for your actions. The municipality discourages any form of inappropriate behaviour at all municipal recreation programs, facilities, parks and trails, in written or verbal communications (including

email or phone), or at any other location where municipal staff are present.

The Municipality of West Grey's recreational programs, facilities, parks and trails exist to provide residents with opportunities to participate in sport and recreational activities. The purpose of this policy is to promote a positive, safe and supportive environment for all members of the public and staff. In addition, this policy will encourage respectful, committed and considerate relationships between the municipality and members of the public.

The municipality has many community-based programs and facilities that are utilized by citizens. These community-minded citizens contribute greatly to the quality of life in West Grey. The municipality endeavours to ensure that they too, have the ability to volunteer in a safe and positive environment.

Included in this commitment is an understanding that organizations and the general public using the Municipality of West Grey's property, facilities, and programs must take primary responsibility for the behaviour of all associated with them: participants, officials, spectators, patrons, parents, etc.

This policy outlines the measures and enforcement steps to be taken in order to address inappropriate behaviour in all municipal owned assets, or any area that municipal staff are present.

Legal and legislated requirements

All information collected as part of the policy will be collected in accordance with the Municipal Act and subject to MFIPPA.

Financial and resource implications

Implementation of the policy itself has no impact on municipal budgets. Communications involving branding and signage for the policy will be absorbed in operational budgets.

Staffing implications

None

Consultation

- Laura Johnston, West Grey, CAO
- Genevieve Scharback, West Grey, Director of Administration / Clerk
- Kerri Mighton, West Grey, Director of Finance / Treasury
- Brent Glasier, West Grey, Interim Director of Public Works and Infrastructure
- Chief Robert Martin, West Grey Police Service, Police Chief

- Kim Stortz, West Grey Public Library, CEO
- Jane Clohecy, Town of Oakville, CAO
- Darcey Cook, West Perth, Recreation and Facilities Manager
- Sharon Doherty, Town of Orangeville, Recreation and Events Manager

Alignment to strategic vision plan

Pillar: Build a better future
Goal: Vibrant community
Strategy: Create accessible and inclusive public spaces

Attachments

None

Next steps

Following passing of the bylaw authorizing the RZone policy, staff will begin community outreach and public communications regarding the policy.

Respectfully submitted:

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