



Q & A

Leisure Card

1. Why should I pay for the Memorial Regional Civic Centre's shortfall? The City should manage better.

Regardless of how the Memorial Regional Civic Centre and/or the City are managed, the fact is that non-Campbellton-residents are using a regional facility that is owned and **paid for by Campbellton's taxpayers** and for which they don't pay.

This is why the City is implementing the leisure card which is similar to a membership card. The membership for Campbellton's residents is already paid for through their property taxes. This is why there is no cost for their leisure card.

The City could have taken a different approach and put in place two different admission/registration fees on all activities/programs instead of a leisure card. This is done in many regional facilities across Canada. It is done in Atholville at the outdoor pool. And it was also done in the past in other communities for different sports activities.

But because Campbellton does not take care of registrations for minor sports, setting two different admission/registration fees would not have been possible in that case. Consequently, this approach would have meant having to increase the ice/pool rental fees for minor sports, which would have in turn resulted in an increase in registration fees for the minor sports associations. This would have penalized Campbellton's residents that already pay through their taxes for the Regional Civic Centre. They would have ended up paying twice (paying through their taxes and again through increased registration fees).

2. Why is the leisure card required for minor sports?

Minor sports are in part subsidized by the City of Campbellton (and Dalhousie) as they are given lower ice/pool rental rates. Neighbouring communities don't contribute to that subsidy, this is why they are asked to contribute through the leisure card (except Tide Head who contributes yearly to the Civic Centre, and Dalhousie who offers the same subsidy at their facility).

3. Why aren't minor sports considered rentals or tenants?

Because contrary to rentals or tenants, they get discounted rates for their rental.

4. What if I register my child to Minor Hockey in Dalhousie?

The leisure card will be required, regardless of where you register, if your child wants to practice and play in Campbellton. This applies to all minor sports that use the Civic Centre.

5. Will volunteers and coaches be required to have a leisure card?

No, volunteers and coaches offer their time. They will not require a leisure card.

6. Why are Tide Head and Dalhousie not paying for the leisure card?

The municipality of Tide Head has been contributing to the Civic Centre operations for many years and still is. This is why the leisure card for residents of Tide Head is free (it has already been paid by their municipality).

As for the Town of Dalhousie, they own a municipal recreational facility similar to the Civic Centre. They don't charge user fees to Campbellton residents and we don't charge user fees to Dalhousie residents. It is an exchange of services.

7. What is the difference between being a NON-RESIDENT and a NON-RESIDENT FROM A MUNICIPALITY WITH AN AGREEMENT?

Non-residents have to pay for their leisure card upfront at time of purchase. Non-Residents coming from Municipalities with an agreement don't have to pay for their leisure card. Their municipality will be invoiced by the City for the number of cards obtained from residents of their municipality. Therefore, when you go get your card, you don't have to pay, if your municipality has an agreement with the City.

8. How do I know if my municipality has an agreement with Campbellton?

As municipalities enter into agreements for the leisure cards, their names will be added to the City's website.

9. Will I need a leisure card to go watch my kids or grandkids practice or play hockey?

No, the leisure card is not required in that case.

10. As a visitor, if I buy a punch card to participate in Aquafit or Golden time, do I need a leisure card? What if I just want to pay per admission?

Because Aquafit and Golden time are programs offered by the pool, you need a leisure card in order to be able to participate. The card is needed regardless if you pay per admission, if you buy a punch card or if you register for the duration of the program. However, if you wish to go to a public swim, then you don't need the leisure card, you just pay the admission fee as usual.

11. What is the difference between renting the ice to bring a group of kids skating and renting the ice through minor sports to bring children to a practice?

Mainly the price of ice rental. Minor sports benefit from minor sports discounted rate. Ice

rental rate for the general public is higher. Furthermore, minor sports require registrations and registrations to programs require a leisure card at the Memorial Regional Civic Centre.

12. What if my grandparents live in Campbellton, Dalhousie or Tide Head, do I get the leisure card at no cost?

You have to be a resident of the municipalities above to get the leisure card at no cost, so no. However, if your grandparents are your legal guardians and they can bring a document that shows that they are, then yes, the leisure card will be free.

13. If I am a visitor (reside outside of the regional boundaries), do I need a card to come swimming or skating occasionally?

No. Admissions are the same as for residents. However, if you wish to register to a program, then yes, you will need the leisure card.

14. If I come from another Province to visit my family, am I considered a visitor?

Yes. Therefore, admissions for swimming, skating, etc. are the same as for residents. However, if you wish to register to programs (minor sports, Aquafit, swimming lessons, etc.) you will need the leisure card.

15. I am a non-resident who owns a commercial building within Campbellton city limits; am I eligible to get leisure cards at no cost?

Non-resident commercial buildings owners are eligible to one leisure card at no cost (paid by property taxes). The card will be made to one of the owners' name only (if more than one owner) and is not transferable.

16. I am a non-resident who owns one or more apartment buildings/houses within Campbellton city limits; am I eligible to get leisure cards at no cost?

Non-resident apartment building(s)/house(s) owners will not be eligible to free leisure cards. Their tenants will.

17. I have already purchased a punch card/yearly/ monthly pass; are those still valid?

Punch cards and monthly/annual subscription holders will be able to continue using their card without having to obtain a leisure card until their punch card/subscription expires.

18. Do international students require a leisure card?

International students will require a leisure card. However, the card will be free. A proof of identity and a letter from the school will be required.