



# Canada Summit Centre

## Policy

### Respecting Municipal Buildings/Property

### Rights of Access & Use

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Whereas, there have been ongoing issues surrounding who should or should not have the right to access / use public buildings / property; and,

Whereas, this results in a need to outline and clarify the appropriate behaviours associated with these rights when given,

Whereas, a municipality has the power under the Provincial legislation, RSO 1990, T2 I, Trespass to Property Act, to request compliance with the policy outlined below,

Therefore, the following policy is being instituted by the Corporation of the Town of Huntsville.

**The right to access or use public buildings/property requires the person(s) involved to:**

1. Have a **legitimate purpose** for wishing to access/use the building/property.
  - A "**legitimate purpose**", for this by-law, includes: enquiring about, registering, participating in, being a spectator of, or, searching for someone participating in approved programs or activities; short term occupation of premises for use of public washrooms, vending machines, concession or telephone; waiting for someone in a central area such as a front lobby.
2. Have **regard for others** when accessing / using the building/property.
  - Appropriate public behaviour.
  - No use of offensive/obscene language.
  - No outward expression of a sexual nature, including but not limited to, prolonged necking / kissing, lap dancing, or inappropriate gesturing.
  - No outward expression of a violent / aggressive nature, including but not limited to, gesturing, shoving, threatening to fight or fighting.
3. Have **regard for the rights of children** who may wish to access / use the building/property.
  - Children under the age of 12 must either be participating in a supervised program, with its own set of age guidelines, in the building / on the property or, be under the care and control of an adult who has a legitimate purpose for wishing to access/use the building/property.
4. Have respect **for the building/property** itself
  - No vandalism of building, property or any fixtures on or within.
  - No use of emergency exit doors for entering or leaving the building except as permitted by staff or in case of emergency.
  - No littering in building or on property.
  - Use of stairways to be utilized for passage only.

Persons unwilling to follow this policy will be asked to leave the building/property.

Persons unwilling to comply with leaving when asked will be issued a trespass notice that restricts that person's use of the building/property for the time specified on the notice.

The Ontario Provincial Police (or the appropriate agency) shall be contacted immediately should there be any suspicion of persons committing illegal acts within the building/property.