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1. Purpose

The Town of Carberry owns and manages facilities/property where alcohol consumption is permitted under the authority of an occasional permit, as issued through the Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Authority of Manitoba.

The Town of Carberry has developed this Municipal Alcohol Policy in order to:

- Establish rules for appropriate alcohol consumption in municipal facilities and on municipal property.
- Promote moderate, responsible consumption for those who choose to drink.
- Reduce the risk of alcohol-related occurrences/problems and subsequent liability risk.

Although a Municipality may not be able to eliminate risk entirely, the development of this policy is a reflection of the Municipality taking effective steps to manage and reduce the chances of incidents.

A range of problems can occur as a result of alcohol misuse which affects not only the person or persons misusing, but other people who use the facilities and generally, the community at large. Such problems may include:

- Alcohol related accidents/injuries.
- Liability action/suits.
- Increased insurance premiums.
- Police being called to municipal property.
- Vandalism and destruction of property.
- Loss of enjoyment by those who choose not to drink and by moderate drinkers at these special occasion events.

When renting or otherwise using municipal facilities/property for an event under an LGCA (Liquor, Gaming & Cannabis Authority of Manitoba) occasional permit, the occupier* (permit holder) can also be held liable in a law suit for alcohol related injuries.

Occupier's Liability is defined as: Any person who has immediate care and control of the premises and the power to admit or exclude others. ***Note:** *For purposes of this policy, occupier and permit holder are synonymous.*

This policy is intended to support legal and responsible drinking and the regulations set-out under the Liquor, Gaming and Cannabis Control Act. The Municipal Alcohol Policy (MAP) provides a framework for effectively managing and reducing the liability risks of the municipality and of the occupier/permit holder. In so doing, the chance that guests attending the event will become involved in alcohol-related mishaps and/or accidents will be reduced.

2. Municipal/Premises Property Designated for Conditional Use of Alcohol

Appendix A outlines the municipal facilities/properties which are designated as suitable for occasional permit events.

3. Controls

In order to be eligible to rent or otherwise use a municipal facility/property for an occasional permit event, the individual responsible for the event must demonstrate to the satisfaction of the Town of Carberry or his/her designate, that there will be sufficient controls in place to prevent foreseeable harm related to alcohol-related incidences. In addition to the following, the permit holder is required to adhere to any other regulations set-out under the occasional permit as issued by the LGCA.

- Minors
 - Minors are prohibited from purchasing, handling, serving or consuming liquor.
 - Any guest who is youthful-looking (e.g. appears to be 25 years of age or younger) wanting to buy drink tickets or consume liquor, will be asked to produce proof of age by the seller of the drink tickets and/or by the server (bartender). Valid photo identification is to be provided by the guest.
 - Minors are not allowed to help clean-up empty/leftover liquor glasses.
- Liquor Sales/Service
 - Liquor service is to be limited to 2 drinks to any one person at a time.
 - A maximum of 4 drink tickets may be sold to/purchased by one person at any one time.
 - Non-alcoholic beverages and food are to be available at all times. Food service is to be provided as stated on the application for an occasional permit and in sufficient quantity for the number of people attending.

- No liquor, other than that authorized under the occasional permit, is to be brought to, served and/or consumed at the event. It is recommended that 50% of the beer allowable for purchase be of low-alcohol content (lite).
- Liquor is only to be sold/served between the hours specified on the occasional permit. Liquor may be consumed for an additional 30 minutes following the sold/serve termination time.
- All liquor is to be removed from the tables within 30 minutes following the sold/serve termination time.
- “Last call” is not to be announced.
- Marketing practices which encourage increased consumption, eg. double shots, drinking contests, volume discounts, are not permitted.
- Alcohol is not to be offered or given as a prize in a contest.
- Liquor is not to be removed from the facility/property by guests attending event.
- Liquor is to be served by a certified Smart Choices personnel only.

- Intoxication
 - Drunkenness and disorderly conduct are not permitted.
 - If an individual does however, become intoxicated at the event, the permit holder and/or event, workers are to take appropriate action to prevent the guest from driving and arrange for safe transportation.
 - The permit holder has the right to refuse admittance to guests who appear intoxicated.
 - Alcohol is not to be sold and/or served to a guest who appears to be intoxicated.

- Permit Holder, Event Workers and Volunteers (Security guards, bartenders, servers, ticket sellers, etc.)
 - The permit holder is to be in attendance at the event at all times.
 - The permit holder is responsible for decision-making during the event, therefore, must refrain from consuming alcohol during the event.
 - Event workers will regularly pick up empty containers/glasses, etc. from tables and clean up spills promptly.
 - Event workers must be 18 years of age and older.
 - As event workers are required to make responsible decisions throughout the duration of the event, they should refrain from consuming alcohol during the event.
 - All entrances and exits to the event are to be supervised at all times.
 - A minimum of 2 security guards are to in attendance at the event at all times (does not apply to weddings, anniversaries and family reunions).

- Premises
 - A municipal official (or designate) will be on hand to supervise, as well as to assist the permit holder with the policy and use of the facility/property.
 - The facility/property is to be vacated by _____ (date/time).
 - The facility/property is subject to inspection by other municipal officials (or designates), the police and LGCA inspectors at any and all times. Any of whom can intervene with a policy violation.
 - The permit holder assumes responsibility for any unnecessary damage to the facility/property and agrees to pay for any such damage.

4. Other Considerations

When planning an occasional permit event, the permit holder/event organizers may want to consider the following:

- Adopt a “safe transportation plan” to a designated driver program for the event.
- Serve shots in large beer glasses to allow for additional mix.

5. Signage

It is not possible for the police and the LGCA inspectors to check on all occasional permit events all the time. Posting signs provide guests with valuable information regarding where they can direct their concerns and on two requirements of servers.

6. Review

This policy shall be reviewed every three years or earlier if deemed necessary by the CAO or Council.

Adopted by Resolution of Council #298-25 at Carberry, Manitoba, this 10th day of November, 2025.

Appendix A

Designated Municipal Facilities/Properties

Recreation and Community Facilities:

Carberry Memorial Hall

Location: 224 Second Avenue

Carberry Plains Community Centre

Location: 500 Stickle Avenue

Carberry North Cypress-Langford Ball Park

Location: Third Avenue

Carberry North Cypress-Langford Drop-In Centre

Location: 130 Main Street