

# Corporate Sponsorship Policy

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## **Purpose**

The purpose of the Corporate Sponsorship Policy is to provide an opportunity for businesses to make financial contributions towards programs, events, services or facilities in return for public recognition.

## **Scope**

If the value of the public recognition contribution is over \$35,000 a competitive process will be undertaken.

## **Definition**

Corporate Sponsorship: A mutually beneficial business arrangement between the municipality and an external company wherein the external party contributes funds to a municipal program, event, service or facility in return for recognition, acknowledgement or other promotional consideration.

## **Policy Guidelines**

Corporate Sponsorships must:

- respect and comply with City of Greater Sudbury policies, by-laws and plans;
- be consistent with the City of Greater Sudbury Visual Identity Program;
- support the City of Greater Sudbury's vision and mission.

The Corporate Sponsorship Policy excludes:

- corporations that are not in good standing with the municipality;
- businesses which derive revenue from the production of tobacco or alcohol products (except events and facilities licensed under the LLBO);
- funding obtained through formal government programs from other levels of government;
- donations received under the Parks Services Donation and Memorial Program (By-law 2011-152);
- third parties who lease City of Greater Sudbury properties or hold facility agreements with the City of Greater Sudbury for activities or events; and
- existing advertisement agreements that the City of Greater Sudbury has entered into through a competitive process.

The Corporate Sponsorship Policy does not:

- imply endorsement of businesses, products or services;
- relinquish control of program and service delivery, event planning or facility management; or

- include Naming Rights, Pouring Rights or advertisements within printed material produced by the City of Greater Sudbury.

Recognition of Corporate Sponsors will:

- be consistent with the proposed sponsorship of the program, event or facility in question;
- designed in a manner not to detract from the physical attributes and visual integrity of the facility or event/program location; and
- must not negatively impact the experience of users of sponsored events and facilities.

### **Sponsor Solicitation and Processes**

The solicitation of sponsorships shall be conducted in a manner that enhances access and fairness and results in a mutually beneficial agreement for both the City, residents of the City of Greater Sudbury and the corporate sponsor.

Corporate sponsors will advise the CAO and appropriate General Manager in writing of interest in potential sponsorship agreements.

City staff shall be specifically designated by the appropriate General Manager to meet with potential sponsors to discuss arrangements and expectations.

Sponsorships valued less than \$35,000 may be considered when brought forward to the City.

A competitive process will be undertaken for any sponsorship over \$35,000 or those sponsorships that offer a significant corporate profile.

Departments will establish the level and manner of sponsor recognition through the negotiation process associated with each sponsorship agreement.

Any costs to the City associated with a corporate sponsorship must be within approved operating and capital budgets.

Approved corporate sponsorships will be confirmed with a written agreement. Agreements will include at minimum the following:

- The program, service, event or facility in question
- The value of the sponsor contribution
- Obligations for sponsorship recognition
- Responsibility for maintenance, insurance, etc. of any assets associated with or resulting from a corporate sponsorship
- The term of the sponsorship agreement

- Specific plans for marketing and branding of the program, service, event or facility in question

Written corporate inquiries denied sponsorship approval will be advised in writing with a detailed rationale.

The City of Greater Sudbury reserves the right to reject any unsolicited sponsorships that have been offered to the City and to reject any proposals for sponsorship that have been openly solicited by the City.

#### **Termination of Sponsorship Agreements**

The City reserves the right to terminate a sponsorship agreement under the following circumstances:

- the sponsor in question uses the City's name outside the parameters of the sponsorship agreement, without prior consent;
- the sponsor in question develops a public image which conflicts with the City's vision, mission and services.

#### **Term**

Corporate sponsorship agreements will not exceed the program or service cycle, the event duration or the life of the asset in question.