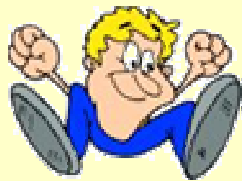


TOWN OF PELHAM

STOMP OUT VIOLENCE & VANDALISM



**“When we play by the
rules and act
responsibly everyone
wins”**

Sports and Recreation

The physical and social skills developed through sports and recreation activities build confidence, self-esteem and feelings of success in youth. The Town of Pelham Operations Department, along with dedicated community partners and volunteers, is committed to strengthening individuals, families and our communities by offering a wide variety of leisure and recreational experiences.

New Violence and Vandalism

‘Policy and Procedures’

The Town of Pelham strives to maintain safe recreation facilities and foster positive environments ensuring maximum enjoyment for all. Violence and Vandalism Policy and Procedures have been developed, in cooperation with community user groups, to deal with inappropriate behaviour in and around municipal facilities. The goal is to stress accountability by users, promote zero tolerance, highlight preventative measures, and encourage healthy competition, sportsmanship and fair play in an effort to reduce acts of violence and vandalism.

STOMP OUT Violence and Vandalism

The motto **“STOMP OUT Violence & Vandalism”** has been developed to promote the message of zero tolerance towards vandalism and violence. Inappropriate behaviour will not be tolerated in and around Municipal facilities.

DEFINITIONS

‘Violence and Vandalism’

Vandalism is defined as the malicious, willful and deliberate destruction, damage or defacing of municipal property.

Violence includes, but is not limited to the following behaviours:

- loud verbal assaults;
- threats and/or attempts to intimidate;
- throwing of articles in a deliberate or aggressive manner;

- aggressive approaches to another individual or group;
- physical striking of another individual
- attempts to provoke or entice violence in others;
- racial or ethnic slurs; damage to property

Codes of Conduct

Codes of conduct are developed to clearly outline expectations of behaviour and to clarify everyone’s role in supporting a positive atmosphere.

All players, coaches, officials, league administrators and parents will be expected to adhere to a Code of Conduct of the appropriate Association. Codes of Conduct for spectators will be posted in Town facilities ensuring that they clearly understand what is expected of them.



**Zero tolerance toward all
vandalism and violent behaviour**

is in effect. A safe and positive environment is your right. All of us have a “duty” to report any incidents of vandalism or inappropriate behaviour.

Enforcement and Disciplinary Actions

The Town of Pelham will take appropriate disciplinary action when incidents of vandalism or violence occur in municipal facilities. This action could include banning of patrons from facilities, cost recovery for repairs or equipment replacement, and financial penalties for repeat acts of vandalism.

The Director of Operations, Town of Pelham will determine the appropriate disciplinary action. Organizations and community groups are responsible for the behaviour of their participants in and around municipal facilities. In addition to Town disciplinary actions, individuals may also face actions in accordance with the disciplinary procedures set out by their corresponding organizations or community group.

Reporting Incidents

When you witness incidents of vandalism or violent behaviour, immediately notify Facility staff or call the Niagara Regional Police at 905-735-7811. Town staff and/or facility users have a duty to report any incidents of vandalism or violent behaviour. All incidents will be reported to the Town of Pelham Operations Department and depending on the severity, may be reported to the Niagara Regional Police.

The TOWN OF PELHAM Operations Department asks YOU to respect Municipal facilities and parks. If everyone does their part to keep the facilities clean and continues to refrain from violence and vandalism, we can help build community and promote positive recreational programs.

The Town of Pelham would like to thank our Community Partners

Pelham Minor Hockey Association

Pelham Sports and Leisure Council

Pelham Figure Skating Club

Pelham Pioneer Oldtimers

Pelham Referees Association

Pelham Soccer Club Inc.

Pelham Minor Baseball Association

Fenwick Softball Association

Pelham Slo-Pitch League

Pelham Tennis Association

Pelham Platform Tennis

Horseshoe Pitching League

Fonthill Lions Club

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For more information call:

**Town of Pelham,
Leisure & Community Services
(905) 892 2607
ext. 12 or ext. 32**

STOMP IT OUT!

Pelham Soccer Club adopts Town of Pelhams ‘Zero Tolerance Policy’

“The Town of Pelham has adopted a “Zero Tolerance” policy in terms of any violence and vandalism that may occur at any Town owned facility.

The Pelham Soccer Club recognizes its responsibility and supports the Town in enforcing this ‘Zero Tolerance’ policy of violence and vandalism.

The club's Zero tolerance policy applies to all Town owned facilities that are used by the Pelham Soccer Club and to the players, parents and spectators during any event that is associated with the Pelham Soccer Club.”

*President, Guido Mueller
Pelham Soccer Club Inc.*