

Title: Block Party
Policy No: 6206
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Supersedes Policy: Nil



Policy Statement: Woodlands County supports and develops community spirit and camaraderie by assisting and promoting caring and safe communities.

Purpose: To encourage and provide the opportunity for neighbours to get together, meet each other, have fun and work together on a common activity or goal.

1. Woodlands County supports Block Parties as positive neighbourhood events to increase the sense of community. Block Party applications are approved on an individual basis considering such factors as location, event activities and neighbourhood support.
2. An application must be completed and received at the Woodlands County Municipal or Regional offices in Whitecourt or Fort Assiniboine at least 15 working days before the event. A Block Party Guide including application is attached at Appendix A.
3. Block Party Permits will generally be approved for Saturday, Sundays and holidays.
4. Block Parties can take place between 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. only. Noise levels must remain within limits acceptable to neighbouring property owners.
5. The majority of the property owners and/or occupants impacted by hosting the Block Party must be informed of the event and are in support of it.
6. The Block Party must be for a designated area, such as a hamlet, subdivision, range road or any other pre-determined geographical area given that is located in Woodlands County.
7. Block Parties can be held on County owned land including parks, municipal reserves or owned facilities subject to approval from the County.
8. Successful Block Party applications may receive funding support within 14 days after submission of receipts and a signed attendance sheet. Funding will be a minimum of \$150 and a maximum of \$500 once per calendar year per neighbourhood dependent upon the size of the group determined as follows:
 - 8.1. 15 or less residents the applicant is eligible for \$150 reimbursement;
 - 8.2. 16-25 residents the applicant is eligible for \$250 reimbursement;
 - 8.3. 26-40 residents the applicant is eligible for \$375 reimbursement;
 - 8.4. 41+ residents the applicant is eligible for \$500 reimbursement.

9. In order to receive funding to cover any expenses the Applicant must submit any receipts for items/resources/supplies purchased for the Block Party to Woodlands County along with a signed attendance sheet from the Block Party.