



THE UNIVERSITY OF WINNIPEG

COMMUNITY CHARTER

Axworthy Health & RecPlex

The University of Winnipeg is an urban campus serving diverse communities of interests, encompassing those of our students, faculty and staff, as well as those of the Community, namely, the urban core area and the City of Winnipeg at large. The University is committed to continuing to build partnerships through programs and initiatives that more closely integrate the objectives and aspirations of the University with those of the broader Community. The Axworthy Health & RecPlex, facility integrates with the recreational facilities in the Duckworth Centre, and provides an opportunity to realize the academic objectives and mission of the University, in the best interests of both the University and the wider Community as they move forward together in a collaborative and transformative way.

PRINCIPLES

The overarching Principles that characterize the integration of the entire Health & RecPlex complex with the Community will be:

Openness

- to all Community members as circumstances and physical space or economic limitations of the Health & RecPlex permit

Inclusivity

- of Community members, uses, and activities in a positive and welcoming way

Accessibility

- to Community members of all socio-economic circumstances

Respect

- to include both respect between persons and respect for the facility itself

Development

- to supply an environment and programs that promote achievement of personal goals and collective goals and inspiration to others in setting and achieving theirs
- to support the social and economic development of the Community
- to provide an operation which develops, supports and encourages the incorporation of regular participation in physical activity and sport into the achievement of personal and collective goals of health and wellness

Accountable

- to monitor, assess and report to the University and the Community on the facility usage by the Community and the success in realizing the Principles

Sustainability

- to meet the University's ongoing fiduciary responsibilities in operating the facility, while balancing the needs of multiple users
- to reduce environmental impact

IMPLEMENTATION

The University is committed to strengthening partnerships with the Community through the development of programs and initiatives that more closely integrate the objectives and aspirations of both the University and the Community. Therefore:

- the University commits to embodying the above principles in its policies and programs and commits to one-third overall Community use of the Health & RecPlex, consistent with the University's fiduciary responsibilities and in recognition that similar commitments regarding the use of the facility have been made to University and public fee-paying user groups which will likewise need to be honored and accommodated.
- the Community through its various coalitions of user groups, user groups themselves, and individual members of the Community, commits to implementing the Principles in their participation in and use of the Health & RecPlex.

It is understood that this is a reciprocal obligation, and success depends on both the University and the Community committing to ensure that the Principles characterize the relationship and are embodied in the programs, practices and policies of each for the life of the Health & RecPlex.

It is recognized that the University has the critical role of operating and managing the Health & RecPlex and with such responsibility also has the ability to manage the facility to be constructed, operated and maintained. It is also recognized that the facility is an asset of the University which must sustain the University's principal objective of facilitating an appropriate teaching and learning environment.

It is equally recognized that the Community has a role in programming and decision-making, and promotion of those uses that are collectively deemed to be most beneficial to the community.

It is further recognized that the success of many University programs and courses will be dependent on Community involvement. Correspondingly, the success of many Community programs and activities will be dependent on University involvement.

Community Access Advisory Committee

To achieve the objectives and ensure the commitments are implemented and managed in a way that allows for the long-term viability of the relationship and of the Health & RecPlex itself, a Community Access Advisory Committee shall be established composed of representatives of the University and the Community.

The Committee shall be responsible for:

- developing and implementing the Principles in programming available through the Health & RecPlex, and in the Community programs that are introduced to or developed in the Health & RecPlex;
- advise on user agreements and develop and implement policies, and protocols which shall guide the University and the Community as they move forward together to best realize the potential of the Health & RecPlex in the life of the Community;
- monitoring progress and results to ensure the Principles are incorporated and the objectives of the University and the Community are realized throughout the life of the Health & RecPlex.