

WHAT IS A COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION?

An organization developed in a neighbourhood that:

1. Represents the entire population within the designated boundaries of that neighbourhood.
2. Acts as a co-ordinating body for activities/groups within the neighbourhood (an umbrella organization for football, soccer, softball, indoor programs, etc.).
3. Promotes and assists in the educational, recreational and social well-being of the people within the neighbourhood (through programs/activities made available in the recreation, social and civics areas - the extent of each determined by the neighbourhood).
4. Encourages a sense of “community” (togetherness) and works to enhance the quality of life of the people within the neighbourhood through wholesome leisure time pursuits.
5. Acts as the liaison body for the neighbourhood to the Community Services Department (through the Community Consultant).
6. Centres its programs and activities around the school and park facilities within the neighbourhood, but represents the total population of the neighbourhood.

The community association is a Non-Profit Organization incorporated under the Non-Profit Corporations Act of Saskatchewan.

WHAT DOES A COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION DO?

1. Co-ordinates activities/programs within the neighbourhood.
2. Acts as a liaison to the City of Saskatoon Community Services Department.
3. Recruits volunteers and trains them.
4. Plan and administers recreation programs for the community at a minimal cost to the members.
5. Publicizes programs and news through a newsletter.
6. May operate a community outdoor rink(s).
7. May be involved with the construction of creative playgrounds in the neighbourhoods and/or parks.
8. Develops a “sense of community” by offering recreational, social and educational programs to all residents of the neighbourhood.
9. Administers community funds (obtained through collecting of membership fees, registration fees and City of Saskatoon grants.)
10. Co-operates with the schools and the City of Saskatoon Community Services Department for facilities to carry out programs.
11. Advise outside groups of their involvement in the community.

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