THAT WHEREAS individual camping is available at the Michener Park Campgrounds; and

WHEREAS there is a need for a group camping area; and

WHEREAS the rate of 1998 group camping has been set at $5.00 per unit per night (amended 2003 to $6.00 per unit per night);

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council concur with the recommendation by the Recreation, Parks and Culture Board and adopt a group camping policy as follows:

1. a) The primary location for group camping is to be in the existing parking lot on the west side of the running track at Michener Recreation Area.

   b) The secondary location for group camping be in the existing fish pond area south of the serviced campground.

2. Requests for group camping must be made at the Recreation Services Office at least fourteen (14) days before the site is required. The request must include the number of camping units expected as well as the name, address and phone number of the group's contact.

3. The contact person will be responsible for collecting the camp fees and for paying these fees to the Town. It is the contact person's responsibility to ensure that the Town receives the camping fees for all units. Camping fees must be paid at the Recreation, Parks and Culture Services Office. Number of camping units will be monitored by Town staff during the time the site has been booked.

4. Request for group camping will not be registered if the date(s) the site is required conflicts with other recreational or cultural events to be held on the playing fields adjacent to the group camping area.

5. Users will be responsible for leaving the group camping area as it was presented to them, undertaking a general clean up of the area. The Town will provide garbage cans. Picnic tables will not be provided.

6. Campers will park in an organized manner, leaving access in and out of the area for any camping unit at any given time and to ensure access for
emergency vehicles.

7. Campfires are allowed only in designated firepits. It is not permissible to dig any holes for firepits or for any other purposes. Firewood will be provided by the Town.

8. Campers will be allowed to use the washroom and shower facilities provided in the serviced campground.

9. A damage deposit of $200.00 will be left with the Recreation Services Office. Full damage deposit will be returned after the event if no damage to the area has occurred and all obligations as outlined in this policy are met. Costs relating to unmet obligations as outlined in this policy will be deducted from the damage deposit and the balance shall be returned.

___________________________________ DATE: December 8, 1997
Mayor

___________________________________ RES: 97-404
Chief Administrative Officer