COUNCIL POLICY

Policy Title:	**Skate Park Art Policy**
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1. Purpose

To provide a designated space for the public within the skate park for expression through spray paint art, commonly referred to as graffiti, while maintaining a safe and respectful environment and providing direction to administration on the removal of unwanted spray paint art.

2. Scope

This policy applies to all users of the skate park and regulates the application of paint or markings on designated concrete surfaces.

The Town of Drayton Valley's Community Standards Bylaw ordinarily prohibits applying graffiti or damaging municipal property, however, this policy will act as a permit to authorize individuals to apply spray art as long as the artist is in compliance with the requirements of this policy.

3. Permitted Activities

The public is encouraged to use the designated concrete surfaces of the skate park to provide artistic expressions, free from prohibited content without the need for a permit or to pay applicable fees.

4. Prohibited Content and Safety

Spray art, or other forms of art or similar work is not permitted on:

- Rails or metal features
- Signage, seating, garbage bins, or surrounding infrastructure or equipment
- Any areas not clearly intended for painting

Painting must not interfere with other users of the park and should not be applied when surfaces are wet, icy, or actively being used if it creates, or could create a hazard to other users.

The following is not permitted to be applied as spray art:

- Hate speech, racism, or discriminatory content

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- Gang-related symbols or messaging
- Explicit sexual content
- Threats, harassment, or intimidation
- Political campaign messaging

5. Ownership of Artwork

All artwork applied within the skate park is created voluntarily by the artist. The Town of Drayton Valley provides no compensation, reimbursement, or consideration of any kind to individuals who apply artwork.

The artist retains no ownership, control, or expectation of preservation of the artwork that has been created/applied.

The Town of Drayton Valley is permitted to publish the artwork free of copyright claims from the artist and artists will not be recognized for their artwork.

6. Enforcement

Individuals who are applying spray art in a prohibited area, or applies prohibited spray art is subject to charges under applicable legislation and may be subject to removal or expulsion from the skate park.

7. Removal and Maintenance

The Town of Drayton Valley reserves the right to remove, cover, or restrict artwork at any time, without notice. Periodic repainting, or "resetting" of the surfaces may occur at the discretion of the CAO, or designate.

The CAO, or designate, may apply occasional base coats, as needed, to reset the art and protect the concrete, where required.

8. Responsibilities

a. Chief Administrative Officer will:

i. Ensure that ongoing review and inspections of the skate park art occurs to ensure that prohibited content is removed or covered.

ii. Ensure that this policy is readily available to the public.

iii. Ensure that any signage deemed appropriate is displayed in the vicinity of the skate park to help educate and direct users of the skate park.

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Mayor

Chief Administrative Officer

August 4, 2026
Date

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