

Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay

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Topic: Community Supporting Breastfeeding

Policy Statement:

The Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay recognizes:

- That the right of breastfeeding anywhere anytime is protected by the Canadian Charter of Rights and Freedoms;
- That breastfeeding is the unequalled way of providing the ideal food for the healthy growth and development of infants and young children;
- That exclusive breastfeeding for the first six months of life, and continued breastfeeding with the addition of appropriate complementary foods for up to two years and beyond, ensures that both breastfeeding individuals and babies receive maximum health benefits;

Therefore, the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay:

 Encourages individuals to breastfeed anywhere, anytime they want while in the municipality;



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- Offers tangible support to breastfeeding parents so they can comfortably and safely breastfeed in a public place in the municipality;
- When possible, provide a place for individuals to breastfeed discreetly, if requested.
- Supports breastfeeding employees that are back to work after maternity leave by providing sufficient break time and a private space (not a bathroom) to breastfeed or pump breast milk.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, this policy is sealed under the Common Seal of the Town of Happy Valley-Goose Bay.

Mayor, Wally Anderson

Town Manager, Robert L. Andrews