



Town of Antigonish Graffiti Removal Policy

Purpose

The purpose of this policy is to encourage the reporting of illegal graffiti to the municipality and prompt removal by Town staff in order to provide a welcoming environment for all residents and visitors to the Town of Antigonish. Illegal graffiti is recognized as vandalism and a crime that negatively affects a community's sense of wellbeing and safety, diminishes the aesthetic appeal of the local area and may be costly to remove. Residents and Town Council must work together to combat illegal graffiti and foster pride and a positive image in the Town of Antigonish.

Application and Definitions

1. This policy shall be referred to as the 'Graffiti Removal Policy'. This policy applies to illegal graffiti on public property within the Town of Antigonish.
2. In this policy:
 - a. "graffiti" means any inscription, word, figure, design, message or 'tag' that is marked, etched, scratched, drawn, sprayed, painted, pasted, applied or otherwise affixed to or on any surface of Town owned property without prior written approval;
 - b. "offensive graffiti" means obscenities, language of a political, racial, religiously insulting or inciting nature and explicit images.

General

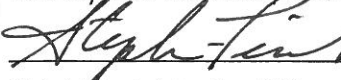
3. The ability to remove graffiti as quickly as possible and limit its negative impact on the community is dependent on its presence being reported. Town of Antigonish residents should be encouraged to assume a collective responsibility for taking note of and reporting incidents of illegal graffiti to Town Hall staff during regular business hours.
4. When graffiti on public property has been reported to or observed by any Town of Antigonish staff, the Town shall remove the graffiti as soon as possible.
5. Incidents of graffiti should be tracked and documented in order for the Town to develop a full understanding of the problem. Documentation may include location, medium used and photographs. This documentation will be helpful in cases where graffiti is offensive or recurring or when the police should be informed.

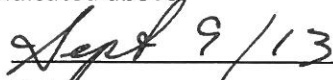
CAO's Annotation for Official Policy Book

Date of Notice to Council Members of Intent: July 15, 2013

To Consider (Minimum 7 Days): July 22, 2013

I certify that this Policy was adopted by Council as indicated above.


Chief Administrative Officer


Date