

Recreation Cards, RSAs, and Outside User Fees (Fredericton)

The City of Fredericton uses Recreation Cards to confirm residency of individuals wanting to participate in programmed recreation activities at City-owned facilities. Confirming residency of participants ensures recreation facility costs are shared among City residents, residents of participating Recreational Service Agreement (RSA) municipalities, and outside users—especially for scheduled, high-demand facilities like arenas, Recreation Cards are mandatory.

- **Recreation Service Agreements (RSAs):** RSAs are cost-sharing agreements that allow residents of participating municipalities to access City of Fredericton recreation facilities at an established tax rate. When the RSAs were established in 2008, some communities chose to participate, while others chose to let their residents pay user fees individually.
- **Outside user fee:** If a participant lives outside the City of Fredericton and outside a participating RSA municipality, an outside user fee applies because their communities are not contributing through an RSA. Participants do **not** pay both an RSA tax contribution and an outside user fee.
- **Not discretionary:** Whether an address is inside a participating RSA area is determined through the RSA relationship between the City and the participant's municipality. The City applies the correct fee category based on residency.
- **Registration fees are separate:** Registration fees charged by minor sport organizations are separate from City RSA/outside user fee requirements and may be charged in addition by those organizations.

Have questions about your RSA coverage?

- Questions about whether your community receives RSA coverage **should be directed toward your municipal administration or council.**
- Questions about whether you live within an RSA area or to access Recreation Cards can be directed to the City's Recreation and Culture Division or Service Fredericton.

The City of Fredericton remains open to establishing Recreation Service Agreements with municipalities throughout the Greater Fredericton area.

How do I apply for a Rec Card?

To apply for the annual Rec Card:

1. [Navigate to the registration website.](#)
2. If you are *inside* the [Recreation Service Agreement Area](#), select '2025 Rec Card (Residents) Application' from the list. If you are *outside* the agreement area, select either '2025 Rec Card: Fields and Ball Diamonds (Non-Residents)' or '2025 Rec Card: Indoor Rinks (Non-Residents)' depending on which facility your activity uses.
3. Review the description and select 'Add'.
4. If this is your first time using the registration website, select 'Sign up', otherwise enter your login credentials.
5. Add the person who will receive the card, either yourself or a person in your care, to the application and select 'Checkout'.
6. Provide the personal information requested and ensure that your address is up to date.
7. If you are *inside* the agreement area, upload your valid identification documentation. If you are *outside* the agreement area, pay the card fee.
8. Submit your application.
9. If you are *inside* the agreement area, you will receive an email confirming that your application was received. The City of Fredericton will verify your identification documentation and send your digital Rec Card within 1-2 business days if approved. If you are *outside* the agreement area, you will receive your digital Rec Card after your payment is processed.