



PAL The Personal Attendant for Leisure Card

What is a PAL Card?

Some individuals require the assistance of others to enable them to participate in recreation and leisure activities. A PAL (Personal Attendant for Leisure) Card allows persons with a disability to be accompanied by an adult personal attendant so that they may enjoy the many recreation facilities and programs Marathon has to offer.

The PAL Card identifies that the person named on the card requires the help of an attendant and acknowledges that the attendant will not be charged a fee in addition to the regular fee paid by the person requiring help.

The assistant is admitted free of charge **to assist the person** in participating in an activity. If the personal assistant also participates, he or she will be charged the applicable rate. For example, a person may accompany someone to the pool for the purpose of helping them to change, shower and get into the water. An attendant may enter the pool to assist the cardholder only. If direct assistance is not required but the attendant chooses to swim, he or she will be subject to the regular admission fee.

Who is eligible for a PAL Card?

You are eligible if you have a disability that:

- restricts you from performing activities within the range considered normal and that
- can NOT be eliminated by the use of a technical aid such as eyeglasses.

If you have a disability that is *not* permanent such as a recent surgery, you can apply for a “Temporary” PAL Card, as long as you meet the above conditions, which are based on Statistics Canada’s definition for a disability.

Where will the PAL Card be recognized?

The following Town of Marathon programs and facilities will accept the PAL cards:

- Port Hole Pool
- Peninsula Golf Course and driving range
- Superior Slopes Ski Hill
- Drop-in Hockey
- Public Skating
- Other recreation programs and events run by the Town of Marathon

How do I get a PAL Card?

1. Complete the application on the reverse.
2. Attach a letter from a medical profession that indicates the nature of the disability and that answers the following questions:
 - a) Does the applicant's disability restrict them from performing activities within the range considered normal?
 - b) Is the disability eliminated by the use of a technical aid like eyeglasses?
 - c) Is the applicant's disability permanent or temporary? If temporary, what is the expected length of the disability?
3. Return the application and letter to the Community Services Office. Once the application has been approved, a PAL Card will be forwarded to you.
4. When you receive your card, sign your name on the space provided. Your attendant will now be allowed to attend Town of Marathon facilities and programs at no cost for the purpose of assisting you.

For more information please contact:
Town of Marathon Community Services Department
Phone: 229-1340 ext. 2230





PAL CARD APPLICATION

Please complete the following information. All information pertaining to this application is confidential.

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

City: _____

Postal Code: _____

Nature of Disability _____

Expected duration of disability _____

Forward completed application along with a letter from your medical professional to:

Community Services Department
Postal Bag 'TM'
16 Peninsula Road
Marathon Ontario
P0T 2E0



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