

# PAL CARD APPLICATION

### How does the PAL Card Work?

When you and your support person go to a place that accepts the PAL Card you show your card when you are paying admission. You don't have to show any other forms of identification. You don't have to tell the people at the front if you have a disability or what kind of disability it is. Seeing that you have a PAL Card should be good enough to let your support person in for free.

**Who can be your support person?** Anyone who is over 16 years of age and can give you the help that you need while in the program/facility. It is very important that your support person is there to help you and involved in whatever program you are in.

**The PAL Card is not to be used to get people in for free who are not there to support your needs.**

### What is expected of a support person with a PAL Card holder?

- All the rules of the program/facility that apply to the PAL Card holder, also apply to the support person.
- Provide adequate and appropriate support to the PAL Card holder.
- Be respectful of the rights of all.
- Ensure a safe and enjoyable environment for all.
- Maintain confidentiality.
- Communicate effectively on behalf of the PAL Card holder, as required.
- To be admitted for free with a PAL Card for the strict purpose of supporting the PAL Card holder in their participation, not for personal gain.

### Reminders for Using Your PAL Card

- Only the person whose name is on the PAL Card can use it.
- If two people, each having a PAL Card are supporting each other at least one person must pay admission.

If you have problems using your PAL Card please call 229-9943.

### Agreement

I, \_\_\_\_\_ agree to the above terms and conditions and understand my rights to the PAL program. If I am found to be in breach of the policy I understand that my PAL card can be revoked by the Town of Marathon Community Services Department.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

_____ has been granted 3/6/12 months for the use of the PAL card and understands this card will not be accepted after expiry.	
Date Issued: _____	Date Expired: _____
Approved by: _____	Date: _____
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PAL #:  
Date Issued:  
Approved by:

Please complete the following information. All information collected on this form remains confidential.

Name:	Date of Birth:
Address:	Phone:
City:	Postal Code:

To determine eligibility requirements, please answer the following questions:

1. Is your disability:  Permanent  Temporary
2. Has the disability lasted longer than six months?  Yes  No
3. Is the disability eliminated by the use of a technical aid (e.g. eyeglasses?)  Yes  No

It is necessary to have verification that the applicant has a disability, therefore, references are required. The references must be health care professionals who know that the applicant meets the criteria: for example, occupational or physiotherapist, social worker, family physician, Nurse Practitioner, Physician’s Assistant, Chiropractor, etc. All references will be contacted by the Community Services Department before the PAL Card application is approved.

Reference 1
Name: Occupation: Phone Number:
Reference 2
Name: Occupation: Phone Number:

The statements made above are, to the best of my knowledge, complete and accurate. I understand that Community Services staff will contact the references and that approval of this application depends upon verification that the applicant is a person with a disability (according to Statistics Canada’s definition).

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Applicant/Parent/Caregiver/Guardian)

Return your completed PAL Application form to the Community Services Office at the Rec Complex or mail to P.O Bag “TM” 4 Hemlo Drive, Marathon, ON P0T 2E0.

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## **PAL -The Personal Attendant for Leisure Card**

### **What is a PAL Card?**

For some people with disabilities, it is necessary to have someone's help in order to participate in recreation and leisure activities. A PAL (Personal Attendant for Leisure) Card allows persons with a disability to be accompanied by a personal attendant so that they may participate in designated Town of Marathon recreation programs. The PAL Card:

1. Identifies that the person named on the card requires the assistance of an accompanying personal attendant. All regular program fees/registration fees apply to PAL card holder.
2. Authorizes that the accompanying personal attendant will not be charged an additional fee.

### **Who is eligible for a PAL Card?**

You are eligible if you meet the following 2 requirements (Statistics Canada):

1. You are a person with a disability and your disability restricts you from performing activities within the range considered normal and,
2. Your disability can NOT be eliminated by the use of a technical aid like eyeglasses. If you have a disability but it's not permanent, you can still apply. If you just had surgery and will need assistance only for a little while you will be issued a "Temporary" PAL Card, as long as you meet the two above requirements. PAL cards are issued in 3, 6 or 2 month options.

Where will the PAL Card be recognized? The following Town of Marathon Facilities/Programs:

- Recreation Complex Special Events • Port Hole Pool • Lakeview Community Hall • Golf Course • Arena

### **How can I get a PAL Card?**

1. Complete the application form.
2. Include the names and phone numbers of TWO health care professionals for references. Both references will be contacted and will be asked the following questions ONLY.
  - a) Does the applicant's disability restrict them from performing activities within the range considered normal?
  - b) Is their disability eliminated by the use of a technical aid like eyeglasses?
  - c) Is the applicant's disability permanent or temporary?
  - d) Would you recommend 3, 6 or 12 months for their PAL Card?
3. Return the application to the address at the bottom of the application. Once the application has been approved, you will be contacted.
4. When you receive your card, sign your name on the space provided. You are now welcome to attend designated Town of Marathon recreation programs with a personal attendant. For more information please contact: The Town of Marathon Community Services Office- 229-9943.