

**TOWN OF CORONATION  
ICE FISHING HUTS POLICY**

**Policy #OT-007**

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**POLICY STATEMENT:**

This policy shall provide guidelines for the registration, placement, and removal of Ice Fishing Huts on the ice at the Coronation Dam. Registering Ice Fishing Huts ensures that each one is accounted for at the end of the ice fishing season, thus reducing the likelihood of them falling through the ice in the spring and polluting the Dam. Registration also helps the Town of Coronation to identify the owner of an Ice Fishing Hut in the event of any issues relating to damage, vandalism, and theft.

**PROCEDURES:**

1. Registration of Ice Fishing Huts is free of charge.
2. Upon registration, a number will be given to the owner of the Ice Fishing Hut. The registration number must be clearly displayed on the outside of the Ice Fishing Hut, either by placing the numbers on a sign plate or spray painting them on the side of the structure. Registration numbers must be at least 6.3 centimeters (2.5 inches) in height and clearly displayed on the outside of the structure.
3. Anglers are only required to register once, as previously issued Ice Fishing Hut numbers continue to be valid. The Town of Coronation asks to be informed about any changes to contact information.
4. Temporary tent-style Ice Fishing Huts made of cloth or synthetic fabric that have a base area of seventy five (75) square feet or less when erected do not need to be registered.
5. Ice Fishing Hut owners must keep the area around their Huts clear of garbage and debris.
6. Ice Fishing Huts must be removed from the Coronation dam before ice break-up in the spring.
7. Abandoning an Ice Fishing Hut during the spring melt is NOT an option, as doing so is detrimental to fish and waterfowl habitat and may result in water contamination.
8. Any Ice Fishing Hut that does not have a registration number clearly displayed shall be considered an "abandoned" hut.
9. Any Ice Fishing Hut which is left on the ice after spring ice break-up, and upon being duly notified by the Town of Coronation of a deadline date for its' removal, shall be considered an "abandoned" hut.
10. If an Ice Fishing Hut is deemed to be "abandoned", an authorized representative of the Town of Coronation may move or arrange to move the structure to a location determined by the Town and store it.

11. Where the Town of Coronation moves and/or stores an Ice Fishing Hut, the cost of doing so is the responsibility of the owner, and the cost must be paid before the Ice Fishing Hut is released to the owner or person in charge of it.
12. If an Ice Fishing Hut stored as per section 11 is not claimed within 60 days by the owner or someone on his/her behalf, in return for full payment for the removal and storage costs incurred, the Town of Coronation may dispose of the Ice Fishing Hut by either sale or demolition of the structure.

#### **ICE SAFETY GUIDELINES:**

According to the Lifesaving Society, clear blue ice needs to be at least four inches thick to support a person and at least 12 inches for a mid-size pick-up. Bear in mind, though, that many insurance companies void your policy once your vehicle travels onto ice, so be sure to check before you venture out. Recommended ice thicknesses are indicated as follows:

- **Stay off** - 3 inches (7 cm) or less
- **Walking** - 4 inches (10 cm)
- **Snowmobile or ATV** - 5 inches (12 cm)
- **Car or small pick-up** - 8 to 12 inches (20 to 30 cm)
- **Mid-size pick-up or van** - 12 to 15 inches (30 to 38 cm)

**END OF POLICY**