

#### 4.18 COMMUNITY USE OF SCHOOL PROPERTIES

Under the School Act, the Board of Education (the “Board”) is obligated to provide facilities and grounds sufficient to conduct School Age education programs. The efficient operation of such programs is recognized as the primary purpose of all district facilities and grounds.

The Board recognizes, however, that all taxpayers contribute to the cost of constructing and maintaining local facilities and grounds, representing a major public investment. To further the educational, civic, recreational, and/or cultural interests of Haida Gwaii communities, the Board supports the responsible public use of District facilities provided it does not interfere with school programs or other Board initiatives and can only be allowed at no cost to the Board.

The Board reserves the right to enter into reciprocal agreements with Haida Gwaii municipalities with respect to site acquisition, development, operations, use and maintenance. In addition, the Board reserves the right to enter into agreements with those agencies respecting the cooperative use of facilities and grounds for providing community programs and services. Financial arrangements for such agreements will be negotiated separately between the Board and the participating agencies.

##### **AUTHORITY**

The Board assigns the responsibility for the implementation of this policy to the Secretary-Treasurer and authorizes the Secretary-Treasurer to establish procedures that will guide this policy.