



Council Policy #C41

CONVERSION THERAPY PROHIBITION POLICY

Approved by Council Resolution # 20/XX/XX

1. PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to protect vulnerable and at-risk persons from the practice of conversion therapy. The practice of conversion therapy involves illegitimate and harmful techniques that attempt to change, repress, or discourage a person's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, or to repress or reduce non-heterosexual attraction or sexual behaviour. The practice of conversion therapy is opposed by several professional associations of medical and counselling experts across Canada.

2. POLICY STATEMENT

The City of Beaumont is in opposition to, and condemns, the use of conversion therapy.

Section 3(c) of the *Municipal Government Act*, RSA 2000, c. M-26, sets out that it is a municipal purpose to "develop and maintain safe and viable communities." The City believes that conversion therapy is a practice that reduces the safety of persons within the City of Beaumont community, and as such, takes a stance against the promotion of practice of conversion therapy.

The City of Beaumont will not support the use of conversion therapy with any City resources, or through the use of any City facilities.

3. DEFINITIONS

"Conversion therapy" means a practice, treatment, or service designed to change, repress, or discourage a person's sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression, or to repress or reduce non-heterosexual attraction or sexual behaviour. For greater certainty, this definition does not include a practice, treatment, or service that relates to a person's social, medical, or legal gender transition; or to a person's non-judgmental exploration and acceptance of their identity or development.

"City" means the City of Beaumont.

4. SCOPE/APPLICATION

City grants, funding, donations, or other contributions, whether financial or otherwise, will not be provided to organizations that currently promote or practice conversion therapy.

The City will not permit the use of its facilities for use by any organization or person who will use the facilities to promote conversion therapy or to perform conversion therapy on another person.

City advertising and the City logo are not permitted to appear in any place where they may be construed as indicating support for the practice of conversion therapy.

If City advertising, or the City logo, appears on a third party's advertising or property in a manner that may be construed as indicating support for the practice of conversion therapy, the City will take steps to have the City's advertising or logo removed from that location as soon as practicable.

5. AUTHORITY/RESPONSIBILITY TO IMPLEMENT

Municipal Enforcement

Policy Record

Adopted by Council:

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Cross Reference: *Municipal Government Act*

Administrative Responsibility:

Next Review Date: 2023 or sooner, if the provincial or federal government passes legislation pertaining to the practice of conversion therapy.