What If our group doesn't meet all of the eligibility requirements?

Groups in Transition

Groups that were previously part of the Community Group Support Program as an Affiliated or Recognized Community Group will be given a one year transition period starting from the date of your 2018 – 2019 Annual General Meeting (AGM) until your 2019 - 2020 AGM dates to meet all of the New requirements of the Community Group Registry Program.

The City promotes and supports the formation of **new groups** that provide programs and services that benefit Mississauga Residents. Groups that do not yet meet all of the eligibility criteria can therefore be approved for Developing Group Status.

Developing Group Status

The City promotes the formation of new Registered Groups!

If you are a brand "new group" or a group that has been operating for a number of years but doesn't meet all of the eligibility requirements you may be eligible for Developing Group Status. Developing Group Status is for a one year period from the date of approval and is subject to review by staff on a quarterly basis. Groups approved for Developing Group Status must meet the following minimum criteria:

- Have a minimum of three five Members
- Have established an "interim" Board or have an operating Board
- A written statement of purpose, including goals and objectives, and
- A planned date for an inaugural AGM



Groups approved with Developing Group Status will receive approved benefits under the Registry Program.

Appeal Process for Ineligibility

If a group cannot meet the eligibility criteria in the Policy, an exception, may be granted, provided the request does not result in the demand for City facilities, services and/or other resources exceeding available supply, at the time of the application. Any requests for exemption must be made in writing and duly authorized (signed) by the group's Board of Directors. The request must clearly:

- Address all eligibility criteria that cannot be met and provide an explanation(s) as to why
 the group should be admitted into the Registry Program despite not meeting the
 requirements, or
- Detail how meeting the eligibility requirements will cause the group undue hardship

For more information on the <u>Appeal Process for Ineligibility</u> please ensure you review the Community Group Registry Program policy.

For further information and assistance you may contact the Program Administrator by email at: communitygroups@mississauga.ca or by calling 905-615 –3200 ext. 5322.