

1. Purpose

As the Library is a central meeting place in the community, the meeting rooms serve to accommodate gatherings of people from a broad cross-section of the community. The goal is to maintain a high level of usage in a financially self-sustaining manner and provide space for groups/individuals so that they may achieve their own goals and objectives. Nonetheless, rooms may not be available to groups/individuals that promote ideology, or who have goals, that directly oppose or are in conflict with those of the Ajax Public Library Board; or, to groups/individuals presenting beliefs that are socially unacceptable, or who have agendas which are not in accordance with the safe operation of the Ajax Public Library.

2. General Conditions of Use

- 2.1 Room bookings will not be considered confirmed until all parties are in possession of the signed Agreement, and all fees are paid in full.
- 2.2 Room Bookings are available up to three (3) months in advance.
- 2.3 It is the sole responsibility of the applicant to ensure that all conditions are met.
- 2.4 Tentative bookings will be held without payment for a maximum of 48 hours. Full payment is required before the library's rooms can be used.
- 2.5 All meetings must be conducted in accordance with all of the policies of the Ajax Public Library, including the *Acceptable Behaviour Policy*.
- 2.6 Permission to use meeting facilities does not imply endorsement by the Library of the aims, policies, or activities of any group.
- 2.7 The sale of goods is not permitted on the Library's premises unless prior approval is given by the Library.
- 2.8 Use of the facilities will be denied if there is a likelihood of physical danger to people, premises, or equipment; if there has been a misrepresentation of the group's aims; if a group has previously misused facilities or has not paid the required fee; if the proposed activity/event is against the law, (e.g. Games of Chance/Crown and Anchor Wheel); or if the activity will negatively impact Library operations.
- 2.9 The Library does not provide advertising for meetings or programs unless the Library is a co-sponsor. Where the Library is not a co-sponsor, groups using the Meeting Rooms must not imply in any way in their advertising or publicity that the Library Board endorses the group's meeting, aims, policies, or activities. The Library should appear only as the location of the meeting.

Organizations must clearly indicate their names and provide contact information, in their advertising, for meetings being held on Library premises.

A copy of all advertising must be submitted in advance to the Ajax Public Library.

- 2.10 No smoking, lighting of candles, or burning of any other materials is permitted in the Library or its meeting rooms.
- 2.11 Reasonable noise levels must be observed during events taking place during the Library's open hours. All doors must be kept closed during events taking place during the Library's open hours in order to control noise levels in the rest of the library.
- 2.12 A 90% refund of the booking fee will be made if the booking is cancelled a minimum of seven (7) calendar days in advance. The full amount will be charged if less than seven (7) days notice of cancellation is made.
- 2.13 The Library does not assume responsibility for personal injury or damage, or for lost or stolen articles belonging to any group or individual using the meeting rooms or attending a program or meeting.
- 2.14 Groups or individuals booking the meeting rooms are responsible for any charges resulting from furniture, building or equipment damage or loss.
- 2.15 The Ajax Public Library will assume no responsibility for damages or expenditures on behalf of the Agreement holder through mechanical failures, or any circumstances beyond the Library's control, resulting in cancellation of the event
- 2.16 All groups or individuals booking an event at the Ajax Public Library are required to provide a Certificate of Liability insurance in the amount of \$2,000,000.00 per occurrence, naming the Ajax Public Library as additionally insured.
- Such insurance shall not be canceled except on prior notice to the Library. A copy of the insurance certificate shall be delivered to the Ajax Public Library at least 21 days prior to the event. Proof of liability insurance coverage is required at the time of finalizing the rental agreement.
- If proof of insurance is not provided by the renter, the municipality's "Facility Users Insurance" program is a mandatory requirement. Applicable fees will be determined at the time of booking based on the type, and duration, of the event or function.
- 2.17 Library personnel must be permitted access to the meeting rooms at any time during the meeting.
- 2.18 The Library will not store items or materials for users in advance. All items, including catering, associated dishes, and utensils should be removed immediately after the event.
- 2.19 Special Occasion Permits are required for all events at which alcohol is served. Special Occasion Permits must be obtained by an applicant at least seven (7) days prior to an event, and a copy must be posted in the Library during the event. The entire Rotary Room must be booked for all licensed events

3. Fees

3.1 The fees for the use of rooms are established in Section 4, Schedules A and B. Fee schedules are reviewed annually.

3.2 Room rental fees are waived only for:

- Library programs, partnership and co-sponsored programs and other library purposes
- Library related groups (such as the Ajax Public Library Board, the Friends of the Ajax Public Library, and SOLS)
- Town of Ajax committees
- Annual General Meeting for non-profit community groups and charitable organizations (once annually only)

The decision to waive room rental fees is made by the Manager of Public Services.

3.3 Non-profit and charitable groups, agencies, and organizations may qualify for a reduced room rental fee for the use of the Rotary Room(s) only.

In order for consideration to be made, non-profit or charitable groups must provide all of the following documents:

- Articles of Incorporation confirming the organization's status as a not-for-profit, or confirmation of registration verifying charitable status, or confirmation of being a Charter member of a Provincial, National and International not-for-profit organization.

4. Schedules

Schedule A – Meeting Room Fees	
Description	Fee
Rotary Room (full) 125 capacity with kitchen	\$150.00 for up to 4 hours; \$300.00 for 8 hours, \$50.00 per hour for each subsequent hour, or part therein
Rotary Room 65 capacity with kitchen	\$100.00 for 4 hours; \$200.00 for 8 hours \$35.00 per hour for each subsequent hour, or part therein
Rotary Room 60 capacity without kitchen	\$80.00 for 4 hours; \$160.00 for 8 hours, \$25.00 per hour for each subsequent hour, or part therein
Small Meeting Room 10 persons. (14 persons in a non-fixed table arrangement)	\$10.00 per hour \$34.00 for 4-hour block, \$65.00 for 8-hour block

**Schedule 'B'
Liability Insurance Fees**

**Non Sporting Events – Meetings, Seminars, Workshops, Church Mass,
Chess Clubs, Bingo, Keno, Euchre, Bridge, Weight Loss Clinics, Prayer Meetings -
No Alcohol Served**

Number of People	Rate – \$2,000,000 Limit Per Event, Per Occurrence	Number of People	Rate – \$5,000,000 Limit Per Event, Per Occurrence
Up to 100	\$ 1.70 per meeting	Up to 100	\$ 2.03 per meeting
101 to 250	\$ 2.83 per meeting	Up to 250	\$ 3.38 per meeting

**All-Season Meetings, Seminars, Workshops, Church Mass, Chess Clubs, Bingo, Keno,
Euchre, Bridge, Weight Loss Clinics, Prayer Meetings - No Alcohol Served**

\$2,000,000 Limit Per Occurrence		\$5,000,000 Limit Per Occurrence	
# of Participants	Rate Per Group (Not Per Person)	# of Participants	Rate Per Group (Not Per Person)
1-25	\$ 84.75	1-25	\$ 100.00
26-100	\$ 113.00	26-100	\$ 125.00
101-250	\$ 141.25	101-250	\$ 150.00

**Child/Adult Parties, Cooking Classes, Baby & Bridal Showers, Baptisms, Funerals
No Alcohol Served**

Number of People	Limit \$2,000,000 Per Occurrence	Limit \$5,000,000 Per Occurrence
Up to 75 – 1 hour or less	\$ 5.65 per event	\$10.00 per event
Up to 75 – up to 4 hours or less	\$ 8.48 per event	\$13.50 per event
Up to 75 – up to 8 hours or less	\$16.95 per event	\$25.00 per event
76-150	For rates, see Dances, Weddings, etc. directly below.	

- With alcohol, book under dances, weddings, and reception rates

**Non-Sporting Events - Dances, Weddings, etc.
(No Raves or All Night Parties)**

Note: Beer Gardens are excluded. Refer to BFL for separate quote.

\$2,000,000 Limit Per Event, Per Occurrence

Number of People	No Alcohol	☘ Contingent Alcohol	❖ With Alcohol
Up To 75	\$ 22.60	\$ 30.00	\$ 125.00
76-150	\$ 28.25	\$ 75.00	\$ 150.00

\$5,000,000 Limit Per Event, Per Occurrence

Number of People	No Alcohol	☘ Contingent Alcohol	❖ With Alcohol
Up To 75	\$ 45.20	\$ 100.00	\$ 172.00
76-150	\$ 56.50	\$ 135.00	\$ 189.00

**Schedule 'B'
Liability Insurance Fees**

- ✚ Contingent alcohol coverage to be used where there is a caterer who has liquor liability coverage.
- ❖ Copy of Liquor License with renter's signature must be kept on file by the municipality and the permit number must appear on the monthly report.
- ❖ Special Occasion Permit must be issued to the individual obtaining the insurance coverage.

**Schedule 'C'
Additional Fees**

1.	Portable projector or piano: \$25.00 per event
2.	LCD Projector: \$35.00 up to 4 hours \$50.00 in excess of 4 hours Available in Rotary Room A only
3.	TV: No charge, however renter must supply own cable connection.