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GRAFFITI & VANDALISM / DAMAGE TO TOWN ASSETS			
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The Town of Sidney wishes to protect its' assets to ensure that public spaces remain open and inviting to all. As such, the Town will deal with graffiti and vandalism/damage as outlined in this policy.

Graffiti

The most common strategy to discourage graffiti is to remove it as soon as possible. Prior to the removal of the graffiti, Town staff are to photograph the graffiti for use by the RCMP. Graffiti in most cases is unique to the individual and is a likely means of identifying the individual(s) responsible.

Vandalism/Damage

As with graffiti, vandalism/damage will be promptly photographed by staff. The damage is to be assessed by staff and a determination made of any hazards to the public. If immediate repairs are not possible, hazards to the public will be posted and barricaded to temporarily make safe.

Town staff are to deal with graffiti and vandalism/damage based upon the following principles:

1. Graffiti is to be removed as soon as detected, and no later than 24 hours after detection.
2. If possible, repair costs are to be recovered by the Town from the person(s) responsible.
3. Graffiti and vandalism/damages will be reported to the RCMP.
4. A reward of up to \$1,000 may be paid for information leading to the apprehension and conviction of person(s) causing graffiti or vandalism/damage to Town property.