

Policy Title: EXTENDABLE BATON	Policy #: PO-1-1
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**Purpose:** The purpose of this policy is to establish the circumstances, deployment and after-action practices regarding the use of the extendable batons.

**Policy Statement:**

The Town of Beaverlodge may issue extendable batons to sworn members who may be required to utilize extendable batons during the execution of Peace Officer duties. Extendable batons must only be used in cases where a lesser amount of force would be ineffective. Members must decide using the Pressure Point Control Tactics Resistance Control Continuum, whether circumstances warrant using the extendable baton and then, only force sufficient to obtain control shall be used.

**Restriction of use of Extendable Batons:**

1. Sworn members may carry the extendable baton only when on duty as a Peace Officer.
2. Members will only carry and use extendable batons that are issued by the Town of Beaverlodge and authorized by the Alberta Solicitor General.
3. Extendable batons must only be used as a defensive tool and should not be applied to facilitate an arrest unless other means are not available.

**Storage and care of extendable batons:**

4. Members will not allow, lend or provide to any person, not duly authorized by law, to handle, possess or use the extendable baton.
5. Members will recognize and abide by the policy currently in place by the Alberta Solicitor General regarding the use of extendable batons.

1. When members are off-duty, extendable batons will be stored in the secure lockup cabinet. If a member goes off-shift at their residence, the extendable baton must be secured within a locked cabinet while off duty.
2. Members shall inspect the extendable baton at regular intervals for damage and function of the baton's components.

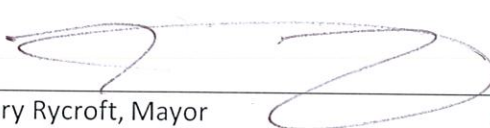

**Post incident guidelines:**

1. A member involved in an occurrence where the extendable baton was deployed, shall advise the police service in the area (RCMP) forthwith of the deployment of the baton and request their attendance/assistance.
2. Members will provide immediate medical attention if required.
3. As soon as practical, members will advise the Chief Administrative Officer of the occurrence, and complete an occurrence report.
4. Members will forward a report within 24 hours of the incident, to the Alberta Solicitor General, Public

Security and Peace Officer Program  
Manager.

Qualifications and training:

1. Members shall be trained in the use, care, and handling of batons in accordance with the Alberta Solicitor General's guidelines and standards.
2. Sworn members will undergo testing and training every three years or at the interval as directed by the Alberta Solicitor General's standards.

	
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