



REPORT

TO: Mayor Avis & Council

FROM: Jason Kabel, Community Services Division Manager

DATE: February 16, 2018

RE: North Air Services Dial-a-Ride User Fee Increase Request

At the regular meeting of Council on February 12, 2018, Council referred the letter dated January 17, 2018 from Greg Thorstad, President, Boundary Waters Dragon Boat Club re: Festival, Tug of War & Marina Use to the Administration & Finance Executive Committee for recommendation with input from all other Executive Committees.

The request is as follows:

We would also respectfully request the following support from the Town of Fort Frances for the 7th Annual International Boundary Waters Dragon Boat Festival to be held on Saturday, June 30th, 2018:

- 1. Designate, in writing, the International Boundary Waters Dragon Boat Festival as a significant community festival and event;*
 - 2. Authorize the use of Town picnic tables and working with Public Works to arrange for their pick up, cleaning and return;*
 - 3. We request that the Town cover any charges associated with any festival permits that may be needed;*
 - 4. Allow for the road closure along the marina from the Hallet location to the Sorting Gap Marina building from 7:30 am to 5:00 pm on June 30th, 2018 and we will ensure that an emergency access lane is available;*
 - 5. Supply the International Boundary Waters Dragon Boat Festival with the necessary documents and signage to facilitate closing the road to accommodate the needed team and public participation areas from the Sorting Gap Marina Building to the Hallet location;*
 - 6. Allow the International Boundary Waters Dragon Boat Festival Committee to attach pennants, signs and banners to street light poles, fencing and other creative places with the assurance that no damage will be done to the infrastructure and the material will be promptly removed after the event;*
 - 7. Allow access for electrical power; and*
 - 8. Ensure extra garbage cans at the site, and a garbage pick-up the following Monday.*
- In 2018 we have also partnered with the Backus Community Center in International Falls to work collaboratively in order to feature the return of the International Tug of War at our festival following the scheduled Flower Ceremony and prior to the championship*

heats. In order for our IBWDB Foundation to host this event on the Canadian side of the river, we also have the additional requests of:

9. The use of the Tug of War rope used in prior years with the assistance of Public Works to deliver and pick up the rope from the Sorting Gap marina.

10. The donation to our organizers of any remaining shirts and/or gloves remaining from previous years' Tug of War;


11. Allow additional through traffic road closure from Minnie Avenue to the Sorting Gap Marina building from 12:00 pm to approximately 4:00 pm to allow for the Tug of War to take place in its usual location, which would include stretching the rope across the road and onto the green space between the Minnie Avenue corner and the closed Resolute scale and wood yard area.

The Community Services Division does not have concerns with the request from the Boundary Waters Dragon Boat Club request as it is inline with their request from previous years.

Recommendation

The Community Services Executive Committee recommends to the Administration & Finance Executive Committee to authorize the Boundary Waters Dragon Boat Club to use the Sorting Gap Marina grounds as requested.

Respectfully Submitted,



Jason Kabel