



## REPORT

**TO:** Community Services Executive Committee

**FROM:** Jason Kabel, Community Services Division Manager

**DATE:** November 28, 2017

**RE:** Letter from Dr. Kit Young-Hoon RE: Municipal Alcohol Policy

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At the regular meeting of Council on Monday November 27th, 2017, the attached letter from Dr. Kit Young-Hoon was referred to the Community Services Executive Committee for consideration through the Municipal Alcohol Policy revision process.

The letter outlines that *the Northwestern Health Unit (NWHU) would like to recognize the commitment from the Mayor, Council and work of city staff to update the Municipal Alcohol Policy (MAP). MAPs promote moderate and responsible alcohol consumption and support community values at municipally owned and managed events and properties. MAPs set a positive benchmark for events where alcohol is distributed or consumed and limit what type of events are eligible for Special Occasion Permits (SOP) on municipal property. Therefore MAPs have the potential to influence social norms in the larger community. Drawing from evidence taken from the MAP Policy Guide, I would like to request Mayor and Council take a stance that all youth-focused and family events, including minor hockey games, remain not eligible for SOPs within municipal property. I would ask Mayor and Counsel to vote against the proposed sale of alcoholic beverages, brought forward by Mr. Wayne Strachan, General Manager of the Fort*

*Frances Lakers, at SIJHL games in Fort Frances for the following reasons:*

- 1. Regulating the Physical Availability of Alcohol (see attached letter)*
- 2. Modifying the Drinking Environment (see attached letter)*

### RECOMMENDATION

None at this time. The letter will be included for consideration in the Municipal Alcohol Policy revision process.

Respectfully Submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. Kabel".

Jason Kabel