



REPORT



TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Jason Kabel, Manager of Community Services

DATE: November 20, 2013

RE: **Summer Hockey School Request – Harry Mahood & Jamie Davis**

Preamble

The Community Services Division has been contacted by Harry Mahood, Assistant Coach – Amarillo Bulls and Jamie Davis, Head Coach – Fort Frances Muskies to express their interest in operating Northwestern Hockey Camp Canada 27.0 (NWHCC). The name refers to a summer hockey program that Mr. Mahood has been involved with for 26 years in other communities in Northwestern Ontario, most notably Ignace, ON. The summer Hockey School in Ignace grew to a premier hockey program that boasted NHL notables like Jonathan Toews, Mike Richards, Chris & Sean Pronger, Ryan Parent, and Joe Basaraba. It became a significant boost to the Ignace local economy and became an establishment that put Ignace on the map.

Northwestern Hockey Camp Canada, Mahood & Davis would like to make Fort Frances the home of the summer program in its 27th year because of the facility that we can offer, the community that will support it, and because of the proximity to the USA being a border town. The marketing material will promote the hockey school as *The Great Canadian Experience – Fort Frances*. Some of the highlights of the attached proposal are:

- The hockey school operates from mid-July to mid-August.
- A 5-year agreement for Northwestern Hockey Camp Canada to be the preferred summer camp offered in Fort Frances, 2014-2018.
- A minimum of 30 hours of ice required per week. May be as much as 40 hours with a greater enrolment.
- Use of the '52 Canadians ice pad for dry-land training.
- Use of another designated space for bunk beds to be built by NWHCC for out of town players.
- Use of the auditorium kitchen for meal preparation.
- There is no interest from the group to make use of the fitness area of the facility (weight room, pool, squash courts).

Recommendation

The Community Services Executive Committee received the attached material from Jamie Davis at its regular meeting on Monday, November 18 and was afforded the opportunity to pose questions and clarify various aspects of the proposal with him. The

committee feels that it could be a great opportunity for the community and recommends that J. Kabel work with Northwestern Hockey Camp Canada (Mr. Mahood & Mr. Davis) to bring the summer hockey program to Fort Frances as an effort to help boost our local economy through sports tourism, enhance the summer experience for young hockey enthusiasts in the district, and help establish Fort Frances as a destination to outsiders through hosting the hockey school in the summer months as presented.

Respectfully Submitted,

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Jason Kabel,
Manager of Community Services

<p>Council approval of this report will agree with the Community Services Executive Committee to have J. Kabel liase with Northwestern Hockey Camp Canada to bring the summer hockey program to Fort Frances as an effort to help boost our local economy through sports tourism, enhance the summer experience for young hockey enthusiasts in the district, and help establish Fort Frances as a destination to outsiders through hosting the hockey school in the summer months.</p>
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