



REPORT

TO: Mayor Avis & Council

FROM: Jason Kabel, Community Services Division Manager

DATE: March 16, 2018

RE: Rainy Lake Square Recommendations

Preamble

At the March 12, 2018 regular meeting of Council, the attached report from Tannis Drysdale, RRFDC Economic Development Consultant was referred to the Community Services Executive Committee with input from the Planning & Development Executive Committee.

The report contains 4 recommendations in each of the following areas: Venue Reservations, Use of the Rainy Lake Square, Liquor Service, Smoking and as well a list of planned programming for 2018.

Below are the recommendations being proposed by RRFDC for consideration:

- 1) **Venue Reservations** - *The Rainy Lake Square will be reserved through the Memorial Sports Centre facility reservation system. The BIA and Economic Development office will have access to the system. The economic development office will assist with bookings, encouraging utilization by the community.*
- 2) **Use of the Rainy Lake Square** - *Council should allow all usage options for the first season of operation and revisit in early 2019 based on experience. Recommendation to develop a fee for uses C and D based on fees for the Memorial Sports Centre Auditorium at \$427.20 + HST for residents of Fort Frances; \$534.00 + HST for non-residents.*
- 3) **Liquor Service** - *Recommendation is to allow bar and restaurant businesses with Catering Endorsements to sell alcohol at events at the Rainy Lake Square.*
 1. *The Rainy Lake Square will not be staffed in the evenings.*
 2. *Allowing alcohol service from a Special Occasion Permit set-up will be competitive with businesses. The Rainy Lake Square is meant to encourage and grow local business. Allowing Catering Endorsement alcohol sales will support bar and restaurant businesses while allowing full service events.*
- 4) **Smoking** - *Recommendation is that smoking be prohibited in the Rainy Lake Square facility.*

Recommendation

The Community Services Executive Committee recommends to Mayor and Council to endorse the following:

- 1) Rainy Lake Square bookings will be processed at Memorial Sports Centre through the ActiveNet booking system. The BIA and RRFDC will have access to view the calendar of bookings.
- 2) 2018 events will be booked without cost. Charges to book the facility in 2019 will be incorporated into the regular user fee schedule.
- 3) Rainy Lake Square bookings will be subject to similar regulations and requirements that the Town supports to book the MSC auditorium as prescribed by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).
- 4) Smoking at the Rainy Lake Square will be prohibited.

Respectfully Submitted,


Jason Kabel