



REPORT

TO: Community Services Executive Committee

FROM: Jason Kabel, Community Services Division Manager

DATE: October 12, 2017

RE: Nelson Medicine Professional Corporation letter dated September 20, 2017 re: request revisions to Municipal Alcohol Policy

Preamble

At the regular meeting of Council on October 10, 2017, Council received a letter from Nelson Medicine Professional Corporation dated September 20, 2017 with a request for revisions to the current Municipal Alcohol Policy (MAP).

The specific request of Dr. Melanie A. Halvorsen, Dr. Lorena L. Jenks, and Dr. Robert W. Nugent (Nelson Medicine Professional Corporation letter signatories) are as follows: *We are writing as family physicians and concerned citizens to urge council to revise the Municipal Alcohol Policy (MAP) to meet current best practice guidelines. We are asking for municipal leadership to guarantee municipal events that are open to families, children and youth, be alcohol free, such as farmer's markets and hockey games. Alcohol free family events are beneficial to our community, reduce the harms of alcohol misuse and support our children and youth who are particularly vulnerable.*

The Community Services Division has met recently (Thursday, October 5, 2017) with Northwestern Health Unit representatives to work collaboratively to produce a more robust Municipal Alcohol Policy for Council's consideration. There were many documents presented to the CS Division for assessment and guidance to recraft the existing policy. The projected timeline for the draft revision of the MAP is for presentation to the Community Services Executive Committee at their regular meeting on December 4, 2017.

Recommendation

None at this time.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

Jason Kabel