

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DATE: December 17, 2019

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Adam Davey, Director, Community Services and Public Safety

SUBJECT: Camping – Exhibition Park – 2020 Cariboo Rocks The North

ATTACHMENT(S): None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council:

1. APPROVES camping at Exhibition Park for the 2020 Cariboo Rocks The North concert event on August 7 to 9; AND
2. APPROVES delegation of future camping approval at Exhibition Park for special events to Administration, on a case-by-case basis, and in accordance with City policies and procedures.

PURPOSE:

For Council direction on approving future camping opportunities at Exhibition Park during special events.

BACKGROUND:

Following the successful implementation of overnight camping at the 2019 Cariboo Rocks The North (CRTN) at Exhibition Park, the British Columbia Northern Exhibition (BCNE) would like to offer camping at the 2020 Cariboo Rocks The North, August 7, 8, and 9, 2020. In 2019, 80 camping spots were offered, and the BCNE would like to increase this to 100 camping spots for 2020.

In 2019, camping was managed by BCNE volunteers, and camping fees paid for security, waste management, and portable toilets. BCNE monitored and provided safety of the camping site on a 24/7 basis throughout the event. Paladin security staff were also hired to assist with monitoring access and any problematic situations.

Music ended on stage around 10:00 pm, and campers were required to respect Quiet Hours after 11:00 pm.

Over the three-day weekend, with regards to the camping site, there were no security issues or complaints received (noise or otherwise), and the BCNE ensured the site was cleaned following the event. Feedback from both campers and the BCNE was very positive.

Based on the success of this trial, staff recommends that Council approve camping at the 2020 Cariboo Rocks The North, as well as camping for future Exhibition Park special events. Camping

requests, to include number of sites, would be reviewed by Administration on an annual case-by-case basis in accordance with City policy, procedure and other regulatory requirements.

STRATEGIC PRIORITIES:

Select camping opportunities during CRTN supports the following MyPG Goals: Cultural richness; Supportive and engaged community; Diversified and vibrant economy; and Sustainable business.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Cost recovery through rental rates as agreed upon within the Event User Agreement.

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

In 2019, Council approved a trial run of a camping opportunity during the CRTN concert event. The campsite was actively managed by the BCNE. The trial was very successful with no related negative incidents or complaints registered toward the campsite. Based on this experience, Administration recommends that Council approve camping during the 2020 CRTN, and operationalize this function to Administration for future management.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Adam Davey, Director, Community Services and Public Safety

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Glen Mikkelsen, Manager, Entertainment, Prince George Events Group

APPROVED:

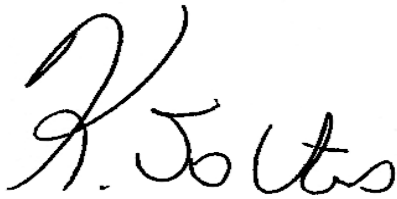
Kathleen Soltis, City Manager

Meeting Date: January 20, 2020

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