



Report to Council

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Subject: Curd Festival Activities Jan. 26 & 27th 2024

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Date of the meeting: January 15th, 2024

Context

Request from the St-Albert Curd Festival organized by the Groupe Simoncic to hold a snow mobile demonstration in the west section of the parking lot of the St-Albert Community Centre on Jan. 27th and request to have the Municipality clean snow from the parking lots the morning of the event.

Report

On January 26th & 27th 2024, the St-Albert Curd Festival will be hosting a weekend of events at the St-Albert Community Centre. There will be 2 musical shows in the community centre and a snow mobile demonstration by Trep Freestyle company outside. As part of the outside show, two professionals will be doing jumps off a ramp and acrobatic moves on snowmobiles. There will be two shows one at 4pm and 5pm, each lasting 30 minutes each. The west section of the parking lot will be sectioned off for the event. An additional area will be sectioned off for spectators within the parking lot. The Simoncic Group has also obtained permission from the Uniag Cooperative to park cars in their parking lot for the event. See attached site plan for details. The event in the hall only starts at 7 pm so there will not be any additional cars on site. The Groupe Simoncic has requested that the Municipality provide barriers for the event and clean the parking lot of the the community centre and the Uniag Cooperative the morning of the 27th of January by 10 am should it snow overnight. Recreation staff have consulted with the public works department, they can provide a dozen barricades for the event, and will drop them off at the centre on Jan. 26th. The parking lot of the community centre will also be cleaned by 10am however the department of public works will not clean the parking lot of the Uniag Cooperative as it is private property. The recreation department also have concerns about security of the spectators and the parking lots filling up quickly as the demonstration is free to the public. We recommended that the Groupe Simoncic have a minimum of 5 volunteers on site from 3 pm – 6 pm to help direct traffic during the event and to ensure the safety of all participants.

Relevance to priorities

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan encourages community activities and working with local businesses and partners to hold recreation and cultural activities.

Financial Consideration

All necessary insurance certificates will be obtained with the Nation Municipality named as coinsured on both the Group Simoncic and Trep Freestyle insurance policies.

Recommendation

That the Council considers the request made by the Groupe Simoncic and the recommendations made by the recreation department regarding snow removal, parking and safety.

Attachment

Site plan Jan. 27/24

