

To: Chris Ross
Cc: Council
From: Matthew Goudy, CAO
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RE: Bullarama & Lacombe Days

Thank you for your inquiry regarding the future of Bullarama in Lacombe, following the success of event during the 2019 Lacombe Days. Your question is whether the fundraising group must request permission to use the facility each year and whether the City will continue to impose conditions. The group would like to start the process of sanctioning for the event because if the circuit schedule includes this event, more livestock and riders will be available.

The 2018-19 request to hold a Bullarama event in the Gary Moe Autogroup Sportsplex was the first indoor rodeo event proposed since the City renovated the Sportsplex, requiring staff to confirm with Council that the vision for the Sportsplex included such an event. Council provided the endorsement for this function in the facility, and confirmed that the City's approval of the dirt placement contractors was a reasonable guard against potential facility damage. The approval process for use of the facility is, at this point, an administrative function, and will follow the same conditions as those provided for in 2019.

In 2019, Council also approved an increase to the Lacombe Days Committee's 2019 "grandfathered" free use of City facilities, meant to accommodate this marquee fundraising event. Council approved both and confirmed with staff that the City's approval of the dirt placement contractors was a reasonable guard against potential facility damage.

Volunteer groups using grandfathered free facility use, like all other facility users, must book the facility, cancel bookings when not needed, and meet all other conditions in their User Rental Agreements. **The Lacombe Days Committee should request the grandfathered facility use it needs in its operating grant request to Council this fall.** I trust that this response clarifies the situation to the satisfaction of the Committee and its collaborating groups.

Sincerely,



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Chief Administrative Officer