

To: Grant Harder **FOIP Section 17(1)**
Cc: Council
From: Matthew Goudy, CAO
Date: November 28, 2019

RE: Lacombe Performing Arts Centre Parking Lot Sanding

Thank you for your request on November 12, 2019 for City sanding services in the icy parking lot at the Lacombe Performing Arts Centre. Your concern for the safety of Arts Centre attendees is admirable. You will note that City crews have attended immediately and completed the requested work.

To address the issue of ongoing sanding services, I did a more thorough check with City staff to review our past practice. I have discovered that City crews do not routinely care for the parking lots of any non-profit or other independent organization in the City.

Unfortunately, the increased liability risk, and work capacity, prohibit us from assisting our valued community groups in this way. However, as a group supported by an operating grant from the City, the Lacombe Performing Arts Centre Foundation is able to include the cost of contracted parking lot maintenance in your proposed budget to Council in the fall of each year, and I encourage you to do so in your 2021 budget.

Since operating grant requests are relatively fixed for 2020, and considering Council Strategic Plan goals identifying assistance to volunteers as a high priority, I have instructed staff to check the Arts Centre lot and sand as needed for this winter season. We will continue this temporary service through this winter, to make sure you have plenty of time to make alternate arrangements for the 2021 - 2022 season.

Sincerely,



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