

Request for Decision



To: Regular Meeting
From: **Corporate Services**
Date: July 23, 2019
Subject: Liquor and Noise Variance Permits - CannaFest
Recommendation: **THAT Council approve the request to extend the Noise Control Bylaw No 1963 to 12:00am from August 8th to 10th for the CannaFest Music Festival; AND**

THAT Council approves the issuing of a Special Occasion Liquor License to CannaFest Music Festival, Ltd. for the 2019 CannaFest Music Festival, between the hours of 2:00pm and 11:00pm daily from August 8th to 10th at James Donaldson Park, subject to obtaining third-party (party alcohol) liability insurance naming the City of Grand Forks as an additional insured on the policy; all event liquor providers shall hold a valid Serving It Right license certificate, and ICBC "Drinking and Driving" warning posters shall be displayed.

Background

The fifth CannaFest Music Festival will take place from August 8th to August 10th, 2019 and will require a noise bylaw variance during the event at James Donaldson Park.

The City's Noise Control Bylaw No. 1963, Section 4.4 (b), states "any amplified music or speech which is audible outside the property where it originates or is reproduced", should be kept between the hours of 7:00am and 11:00pm. Therefore, the CannaFest organizers request that Council grant an exemption for the CannaFest Music Festival from August 8th to August 10th, 2019, under section 5 (h) of the Noise Control Bylaw No. 1963 to extend the noise restrictions from 11 pm to 12:00am on those days.

In addition, **CannaFest Music Festival, Ltd.** requests permission to sell liquor at James Donaldson Park from 2:00pm until 11:00pm on each of the days of the event. CannaFest Music Festival, Ltd. will have liability insurance in place naming the City of Grand Forks as an additional insured.

The Park has a capacity of 5,000 for an event such as CannaFest. CannaFest will be hosting approximately 3500-4500 people in the park.

Benefits or Impacts

General

- CannaFest has rapidly become one of the major annual events held locally and draws thousands of tourists to the area, which represents significant local economic impact.

Policy/Legislation

Bylaw 1963 – Noise Control Bylaw

Attachments

CannaFest – Liquor Permit request

CannaFest – Special Request [Noise Variance]

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Options

1. THAT Council approves the Liquor Permit and Noise Variance.
2. THAT Council does not approve the Liquor Permit and Noise Variance.