

# Report

to Council

**SUBJECT: : Metis Nation of Alberta Region 1-Temporary Homeless Camp Lease Agreement**

**COUNCIL MEETING DATE:** July 13, 2021

**CONFIDENTIAL:** No

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**Purpose: : Provide a one year lease agreement with Metis Nation of Alberta Region 1 for the purpose of a Temporary Homeless Camp on County property in Bonesville Subdivision**

**Proposed Motion:**

That Lac La Biche County Council approve of a one-year lease to Metis Nation of Alberta Region 1 for the purpose of a Homeless Camp on Lac La Biche County Property, in Bonesville Subdivision, Plan Number 8021044

**Options:**

Lac La Biche County Council approve the one-year lease with Metis Nation of Alberta Region 1 for a Temporary Homeless Camp on Lac La Biche County property in Bonesville Subdivision, Plan Number 8021044.

Lac La Biche County does not approve of a one year lease with Metis Nation of Alberta Region 1 for a temporary homeless camp in Bonesville Subdivision.

Lac La Biche County direct administration to bring back more information and other County properties to accommodate a temporary homeless camp.

**Recommendation:**

That Lac La Biche County Council approve of a one-year lease to Metis Nation of Alberta Association, Region 1 for the purpose of a Homeless Camp on Lac La Biche County Property, in Bonesville Subdivision, Plan Number 8021044

**Background:**

Following the delegation with MNA on June 22, 2021, and direction from County Council, administration is providing the attached one-year lease agreement for a temporary homeless camp on County property in Bonesville Subdivision.

The homeless population in the hamlet of Lac La Biche are resourceful in finding a variety of spaces within the hamlet in which to establish a camp. The spaces the residents find to set up camps often comes in conflict with families or businesses in the vicinity of the space. This results in Community Peace Officers being given the order to dismantle the camps. This cycle creates a great deal of distress for the people establishing the camp, concerned citizens and staff directed to follow through with dismantling the camps.

A community partner, Metis Nation of Alberta, Region 1 has approached to work with Lac La Biche County to provide a temporary Homeless Camp and be undisturbed. This space is intended to be a temporary space, providing a stable location for the homeless population until the Transitional Housing Project is fully functional. Metis National of Alberta, Region 1 will take responsibility for ensuring residents of the camp maintain order, and that the camp will meet the Community Standards Bylaw.

To accommodate a temporary lease for a homeless camp MNA has requested the following from Lac La Biche County:

- a. Portapottie: estimated annual cost of \$4,920.00
- b. Dumpster: estimated annual cost of \$3,600.00
- c. Transportation 3 times a day: Estimated annual cost of \$50,323.56 (includes driver and fuel)

Administration has utilized the Lease provided for a similar arrangement in the City of Grande Prairie. The Lease condition are as follows:

- One year term from July 13, 2021 to July 12, 2022.
- One (\$1.00) dollar per annum
- General Liability \$5,000,000

**Strategic Alignment:**

This project is in line with Council’s strategic goal of *Social Wellness*, wherein the County will “...have safe communities and support the diverse needs of our citizens.”

**Financial Implications:**

**Costs: \$60,000.00**

**Source of funding: 2021 costs from current operating budget. 2022 costs to be budgeted in the 2022 operating budget**

**Relevant Legislation, Policy or Practices:**

**Internal Impacts:**

Recreation and Community Services Division will have responsibility for implementing the lease and providing the supports requested. This includes:

- Through the Facilities Department provision and servicing of a garbage bin and porta-potty;
- Community Access service;
- Community Peace Officer supports as needed.

**Communication:**

Communicate to the effected staff and MNA Region 1

**Attachments:**

Draft Lease Agreement

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