

COUNCIL REPORT

To: Council

From: Administration

Date: March 28, 2024

Subject: Mackenzie Alpine Riders – Request to Amend Licence of Occupation

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council considers the request made by the Mackenzie Alpine Riders and provides staff with direction for the next steps.

BACKGROUND:

The Alpine Riders Horse Club is a not-for-profit organization that became a registered society in April of 1986. The purpose of the club is to foster interest in and promote the proper care of horses and other equines. The club started leasing the Crown Lands in July 1982 with 20.1 hectares of land. During the 2022 renewal period, the Province re-evaluated the size of the tenure area and has negotiated with the Mackenzie Alpine Riders and Staff to reduce the footprint of the tenure area to 7.01 hectares adjacent to Mill Road (see attached map).

License of Occupation and Sub-Tenure Agreement

The License of Occupation between the District of Mackenzie and the Province for the portion of Crown Land used by the Mackenzie Alpine Riders Club and the "sub-tenure agreement" with the Mackenzie Alpine Riders Club expired and was renewed in 2022.

Representatives of the Mackenzie Alpine Riders Club have indicated their wish to continue the current use of the property and to expand their management plan. A Management Plan is required as a condition of the agreement. This dictates the use of the land and how the land will be maintained. The current management plan has been attached for Council's consideration.

Request

The Mackenzie Alpine Riders have requested to amend their sub-tenure agreement with the District of Mackenzie. They would like to update their management plan to include animals other than horses. The objective is to increase membership and community sustainability. Please see attached request for consideration.

Staff Review

Staff have reviewed the District of Mackenzie bylaws to ensure that the zoning, official community plan and animal control bylaws would allow the potential amendment. After review, there were no barriers to amending the agreement. This lot is zoned A1 – Outdoor Recreation, Agriculture and Resource. The proposed use fits under the use of Agriculture Intensive which is defined below.

AGRICULTURE, INTENSIVE means the primary production of farm products such as dairy and/or poultry products, cattle, hogs, sheep or other animals, wheat or other grains, vegetables, fruits, greenhouses, plant nurseries, orchards, vineyards, mushrooms or other field crops. This includes feedlots and the slaughtering and processing of animals reared on the premises.

OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION:

1. Deny the request made by the Mackenzie Alpine Riders.
2. Approve the request made by the alpine riders.
 - a. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the agreement if approved by the province.
 - b. If the province requires amendments staff will bring back recommendations before approval.
3. Request amendment to the management plan.
 - a. Authorize the Chief Administrative Officer to execute the agreement if approved by the province.

COUNCIL PRIORITIES:

Community and Social Development

- Our investment in the municipality's services and infrastructure, our commitment to principles of social equity and well-being, and our belief in the value of resident engagement, creates a healthy community in which everyone feels valued and enjoys a high quality of life.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Luke Thorne, Land and Environmental Coordinator

Reviewed By: Corporate and Financial Services

Approved By: Chief Administrative Officer