



TO: Mayor and Council

FR: Karlee Leach, Community Recreation Coordinator

DATE: May 12, 2020

RE: **Wadena Farmers Market Operations**

ISSUE:

The Wadena Farmers Market has submitted a proposal to resume markets effective June 6, 2020 in the Museum Quonset (attached).

BACKGROUND:

The Saskatchewan Government announced on May 9 that Farmers Markets may resume as part of Phase 2 of the Re-Open Saskatchewan plan effective May 19, 2020.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Council can approve the request.
2. Council can deny the request.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The Wadena Farmers Market typically takes place in the Community Legion Hall; however, due to the COVID-19 pandemic the hall is being used by the Health Authority. Hosting the Farmers Market at the Museum offers a unique opportunity to bring revenue to the Museum and drive some traffic to the Museum that could potentially spark interest to residents for future visits.

ANALYSIS:

The proposal from the Wadena Farmers Market follows the guidelines established by the Provincial Government for the operation of farmers markets.

Museums are considered non-essential and are required to be closed to the public. The Museum buildings will not be open to the public; and therefore, rental of the quonset for use by the Farmers Market is not seen as problematic by Administration.

Administration has confirmed that the Museum Board is supportive of hosting farmers markets. Administration can assist the Museum in establishing a rental agreement.

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION(S):

THAT the Wadena Farmers Market be permitted to operate at the Wadena & District Museum.

ATTACHMENTS:

Proposal from Wadena Farmers Market Board

As of Saturday May 9th, the government of Saskatchewan has included farmers markets to re-open as part of Phase-2 of the re-open Saskatchewan Plan. We would like to do the same with our Market. While we understand that these are still uncertain times and things are still changing very rapidly, we have read the guidelines that the government has released for Farmers Markets and feel we can meet these Safety Procedures.

The Farmers Market would like to propose the use of the Main Quonset at the Wadena and District Museum as a facility to hold our Market. This location allows Vendors and Customers Ample space to park, set up and shop while maintaining social distance.

We Feel that with venue we would safely be able to follow the guidelines by doing the following:

- Vendor tables will be set up a minimum of 6 ft apart within and outside the building. We will measure the space out before hand and make arrangements to ensure we do not over book.
- All vendors will be asked to ensure that they have the ability to Sanitize their space after each customer.
- Customers will be stopped and required to sanitize their hands before entering the space. We will make an effort to have more sanitization stations within the facility as well for our Customers as they move through the space.
- We will Arrange to have customers enter only through the main Quonset door with signs posted about the Guidelines they must follow for everyone's safety.
- We will endeavor to have the customers exit through the back Quonset door, or with social distance through the front door.
- We will allow through the door only 1 customer per vendor table, to help ensure distancing can be achieved. Outside the door, customers will be expected to cue with distancing requirements.
- All baking brought in to the Market to sell must be Packaged before entering the grounds. This will help limit direct contact by Customers.
- There will be NO taste testing allowed.
- All vendors will be required to read a copy of the Approved rules for the market. It will be theirs to keep.
- Customers will not be permitted to bring with them their own reusable bags. Vendor will be responsible for providing bags for their customers.
- Customers will be required to touch only the items on the table that they are intending to purchase.
- No food is Allowed to be consumed on the grounds, except by vendors at a minimum of 6 feet away from their table, other vendors and the customers. Vendors will be required to Sanitize before engaging with the customers.
- We will encourage Vendors to have cashless payment options available.
- We will encourage pre ordered pick ups at the door, to reduce customers within the building further.
- Any Vendor or Customer showing any signs or symptoms will not be admitted and asked to leave.
- There will be no public Washrooms on site available for customers. We will reserve the use of Public Bathrooms for vendors only. They will be sanitized regularly through the day.

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We believe that by following these rules we will meet the guidelines set forth by the government of Saskatchewan, and offer the safest environment possible for our vendors and customers.

Thank you

Wadena Farmers Market Board.