



# CITY OF WILLIAMS LAKE

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File: 4500-01

## Central Cariboo / City of Williams Lake Joint Committee

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**RE: 2020 All Nations Pow Wow**

City Council considered the above matter at its regular meeting held December 17, 2019. Quoted hereunder are Resolutions No. 484/19 and 485/19 as passed at that meeting:

### RES #484/19

*"That pursuant to Committee of Whole Council Report #60-2019 and the report of Councillor Jason Ryll dated November 22, 2019, Council support in principle the All Nations Pow Wow inaugural event scheduled for June 2020 on Stampede weekend; and further, that Council authorize in-kind contributions from the City of Williams Lake and an event support budget of up to \$10,000, subject to presentation of a final event proposal and budget by the Pow Wow Committee prior to the event."*

### RES #485/19

*"That this item be shared with the Joint Committee on the next agenda."*

This item has subsequently been referred to the February 26, 2020 Central Cariboo / City of Williams Lake Joint Committee meeting for information.

Please contact the undersigned at 250-392-1774 if you have any questions in this regard.

Yours truly,

Rena Schill  
Acting Corporate Officer



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**CITY OF WILLIAMS LAKE  
COMMITTEE OF WHOLE COUNCIL  
REPORT #60-2019**

**PRESENTED:** Regular Meeting of Council – December 17, 2019   **DATE:** December 11, 2019  
**FROM:** Committee of Whole Council   **FILE:** 4500-01; [New File]  
**SUBJECT:** 2020 All Nations Pow Wow

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The Committee of Whole Council met on December 10, 2019 to consider the above matter and makes the following recommendation to Council:

**RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Committee of Whole Council recommends pursuant to the report of Councillor Jason Ryll dated November 22, 2019, Council support in principle the All Nations Pow Wow inaugural event scheduled for June 2020 on Stampede weekend; and further, that Council authorize in-kind contributions from the City of Williams Lake and an event support budget of up to \$10,000, subject to presentation of a final event proposal and budget by the Pow Wow Committee prior to the event.

Respectfully submitted,

Cindy Bouchard  
Corporate Officer



**CITY OF WILLIAMS LAKE  
COUNCIL REPORT**

**DATE OF REPORT:** November 22, 2019  
**DATE & TYPE OF MEETING:** December 10, 2019 Committee of Whole Council Meeting  
**AUTHOR:** Councillor Jason Ryll  
**SUBJECT:** 2020 ALL NATIONS POW WOW  
**FILE:** [NEW FILE]

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**Recommendation**

That Council support the All Nations Pow Wow inaugural event taking place in June 2020 on Stampede weekend; and further, Council authorize in-kind contributions from the City of Williams Lake and an event support budget of up to \$10,000.

**Purpose**

To advise Council of progress to date on the organization of the pow wow event slated for the 2020 Stampede weekend.

**Background / Discussion**

This initiative was spearheaded by Chief Fred Robbins of the Esk'etemc First Nation (Alkali Lake). The organizing committee consists of Councillor Jason Ryll, CRD Director Angie Delaine, CRD Director Steve Forseth, members of Williams Lake Indian Band, as well as several other representatives from local First Nations organizations. Currently, representatives from the Chilcotin and Shuswap Nations are on the organizing committee, with active attempts being made to bring members of the Carrier Nations on board. The event promises to add an important cultural element to the Williams Lake Stampede celebration by sharing First Nations culture; it supports reconciliation by bringing people together. There are no other pow wows taking place in Western Canada that weekend, which promises to make the event popular and well attended.

Currently, this event is in the planning stage with contributions from all organizations' members. This report is being forwarded to clarify the contributions that can be expected from the City of Williams Lake. As the organizational efforts progress, it will become clearer what the requirements will be. A supportive resolution from Council will allow the organizers to solidify some community support required to plan effectively.

It is customary for pow wow events to have camping available near the event. The RC Cotton site has been identified as a possible area for this camping, as the riders from Nemiah Valley camp here during the Stampede. The Williams Lake Indian Band has indicated its support for camping in this area on its own adjacent lands. More research and permission will be required to solidify this aspect of planning.

It is anticipated that this event will bring substantial economic and cultural benefits to our community and current discussions favour this becoming an annual event.

**Financial Considerations (Cost and Resource Allocation)**

- Yes: Up to \$10,000, plus in-kind contributions  
 N/A

**Legislative Considerations (Applicable Policies and/or Bylaws)**

- Yes (explain)  
 N/A

**This project aligns with the following Strategic Priority Areas:**

- Resilient and Diversified Economy  
 Strong Community Relationships  
 Financial Stability and Sound Asset Management  
 Positive Community Image  
 Healthy and Inclusive Workplace  
 Other

**Other Implications (Environmental/Social/Economic)**

- Yes (explain)  
 N/A

**This report has been prepared in consultation with:**

Chief Administrative Officer

**CAO Comments**

This event promises to be a positive addition to the already busy Stampede weekend. Local RCMP are supportive of the event and will contribute during the planning stages as well.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Jason Ryll