



The Corporation of the Town of LaSalle

To: Mayor and Members of Council

Prepared by: Patti Funaro, Director of Culture and Recreation

Department: Culture and Recreation

Date of Report: February 16, 2021

Report Number: CR-2021-04

Subject: status of 2021 festivals

Recommendation

That the report of the Director of Culture and Recreation dated February 16, 2021 (CR-2021-04) regarding the status of festivals in 2021 be received; and that the recommendation to cancel the 2021 Strawberry Festival and Last Call Before Fall Festival be approved.

Report

The current provincial measures in place to limit the transmission of COVID-19 are essential to keep people safe and ensure that businesses can remain open. These restrictions severely limit the possibility of planning and hosting large scale gatherings such as the Strawberry Festival and Last Call Before Fall in 2021. A great deal of time is required to plan these events and planning would need to already be underway in order to ensure the success of these events.

As an alternative to these events, culture and recreation staff are working on plans for virtual and modified activities that will take place during the weekend the Strawberry Festival is typically held. In addition, plans for modified versions of the LaSalle Night Market and other smaller scale events are underway. Plans will include COVID safety precautions and ensure adherence to provincial and regional restrictions.

Further details will be available in the coming months.

Consultations

N/A

Financial Implications

none

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Director of Culture & Recreation

Patti Funaro

Link to Strategic Goals

1. Enhancing organizational excellence - Not Applicable
2. Strengthen the community's engagement with the Town - Not Applicable
3. Grow and diversify the local economy - Not Applicable
4. Build on our high-quality of life - Not Applicable
5. Sustaining strong public services and infrastructure - Yes

Communications

N/A

Notifications

N/A.

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:



Director of Culture & Recreation

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