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TOWN COUNCIL LOOKS FORWARD TO FUTURE ENDEAVOURS WITH THE HANLEY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

Hanley, SK, (May 29, 2024) – The Town of Hanley Council has reviewed its approach with stakeholders who utilize town assets for various community-related purposes. The purpose of this review was to determine how to work harmoniously and effectively with various boards, societies, and community groups, in the best interest of the community. The review also clarified misunderstandings related to Council’s legislative authority, roles, and responsibilities related to not for profits.

Upon reflection on past events, particularly involving last year’s rodeo, the Town Council apologizes to the Agricultural Society for its approach toward the event. It understands that it should have taken a different approach to coordinate the use of town-owned assets for this event. The Town of Hanley’s Council is excited about its future endeavors with the Hanley Agricultural Society.

“Our perspective toward the use of town-owned assets was well-intentioned, and we could have taken a different approach toward the management of the grounds,” says Mayor Richard McGregor. “We understand that the approach we took has led to misunderstandings and disagreements regarding future events for our community, and we are working toward rectifying the situation.”

The Town is focused on developing a Memorandum of Understanding with all community groups that use town-owned assets for local events. A Memorandum of Understanding communicates the expectations for both parties, which will better set up these partnerships for success and the betterment of the community. The focus of the MOU will ensure the protection of community owned assets and financial accountability. This agreement will be used for all community groups within the Town of Hanley so clear expectations are established before, during, and after a community or group event is held within the Town to avoid future conflicts.

The Town Council has embraced the challenges of the past as a learning opportunity. Council has decided that a focus on Hanley priorities, leadership, and collaboration will be the focus until the end of its term.

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