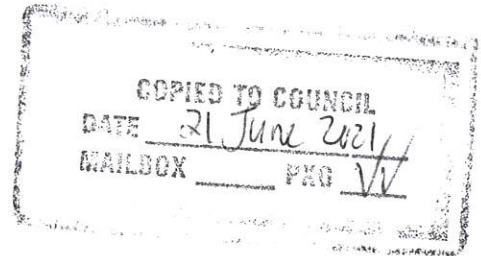




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Attn: Mark Vermette
CAO
Municipality Of Red Lake

Mr. Vermette, Mayor Mota, Council and Staff,

The Red Lake Miners organization would like to thank council and staff for their support of the recent bid submitted to host the 2022 Dudley Hewitt Cup.

Since the submission of the bid, in the interest of doing the utmost to ensure the Centennial Cup National Junior A Hockey Championship can be held as scheduled, the CJHL has decided to delay the start of the Centennial Cup to May 20, 2022. While there is optimism that a 2021/22 season can be played as we emerge from the pandemic, there remains uncertainty as to whether the traditional start time of the season is feasible. The CJHL Board thought it reasonable to push back the national tournament to give member leagues and teams across Canada a little bit of leeway to play some semblance of a normal season should public health restrictions happen to remain in place into September. There are leagues looking at an October start up rather than September.

The Dudley Hewitt Cup selection committee has requested that the Red Lake Miners explore the possibility of moving the dates of the Dudley Hewitt Cup from April 26 - 30, 2022 to May 10-14, 2022. This request is to keep the traditional interval between the conclusion of the regional tournament and the Centennial Cup.

The Miners organization is asking council and staff if they would be in a position to endorse our bid to host the Dudley Hewitt Cup at the Cochenour Arena from May 10-14, 2022. This would require the Cochenour Arena to stay open for 2 weeks longer than the original bid dates. We realize that there could be a financial impact to the Municipality of Red Lake's budget for this. If this is not an option would council and staff consider a compromise and propose to host the tournament on May 3-7, 2022?

We are extremely confident that a revised bid with the tournament dates of May 10-14, 2022 would result in the tournament being awarded to the Red Lake Miners. We are reasonably confident in our ability to secure the tournament with May 3-7, 2022 dates. We believe the selection committee will ask the SIJHL to find an alternate host for the tournament if a change in dates can't be accommodated.



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The Miners would work with other user groups to try and utilize the original dates for another group to host an event. We would also commit to working out a deal offset extra hydro costs the Municipality of Red Lake would incur for the month of May as a result of the ice plant running for the extra time.

This request is not a simple one. We understand the impacts that could result by moving the dates. If council and staff decide that this is not feasible we will submit the bid with the original dates and see what the result would be. We have put together a solid bid and are prepared to move forward with it with the dates that council and staff support.

If there are any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely ,

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