



Mountain View
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Permit for July Long-Weekend “Extended Dance Event” Refused

May 29, 2006 - Didsbury, Alberta – Mountain View County has received an application from Hopes and Dreams Foundation Inc. for an “Extended Dance Event” in the Sundre area. The applicant, Brad Krystek (403-826-7405), CEO of Hopes and Dreams Foundation Inc. initially contacted the County office regarding this event in early May, 2006 for proposed dates on the July long weekend. This organization is a for-profit corporation that was registered in Alberta on February 6, 2006.

Due to problems with past Extended Dance Events in Mountain View County, bylaws have been implemented to provide appropriate controls for this type of event. The Land Use Bylaw and the Event(s) Bylaw require that an applicant provide a complete application 120 days before an event. This length of time is necessary so that the County can ensure that issues are appropriately addressed; such as – the location of the event and appropriate road access, numbers of persons attending the event, how higher than anticipated attendance volumes will be handled, addressing noise issues, provision of food and beverages, provision and servicing of toilet facilities, on the sale of alcohol at the event, security planning for the event and ensuring the safety of attendees, vehicle parking, security planning and emergency medical concerns.

This application was not received by Mountain View County prior to the 120 days required by the bylaws, and does not provide complete information on location of the event and many other issues. This raises concerns for the safety of the public attending the proposed event. The applicant has indicated that the maximum attendance could be 60,000 people.

The County has advised the applicant that this “Extended Dance Event” is not approved and is not to proceed, and has also expressed concern that in materials submitted to the County, the applicant proposed the sale of tickets through school children, but has indicated no restriction on the sale of tickets to minors even though liquor was proposed to be sold at this event. Chinooks Edge School District has advised the County that the school system does not support or encourage this type of fundraising event.

Mountain View County is aware of a petition being circulated, asking for the event to happen. The public is asked to be aware that this proposed “Extended Dance Event” is not approved and that there could be risks to the safety of those attending due to incomplete planning for this event “.

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