

February 10, 2013

His Worship the Mayor and Members of Council

Re: Enquiry – Approval for Use of Inflatable Castle at the 2013 South East Summer Fest

I have been undertaking the necessary planning for the 2013 South East Summer Fest held in my ward, which has been an event that has been very much enjoyed by my constituents. However, this year I have run into an issue regarding the use of an Inflatable Castle at the event. I am advised by staff that use of Inflatable Castles is an issue that they are currently examining internally with the City's Risk Management, Recreation and Facility staff because they have been identified as a significant risk to all users and to the Corporation should their use be permitted for rentals at the City's indoor and outdoor facilities. Apparently until such time as the necessary changes are made to the Special Events Policy, which is approved annually by the Municipal Council, staff are not permitting Inflatable Castles as a "Condition of Use". I do not agree with this position and would like to know what can be done to accommodate my request. I am eager to move forward with the necessary arrangements for my event.

Thank you.

Sandy White

Councillor, Ward 14