

Grantham Recreation Committee Meeting Minutes

Tuesday 6/23/2020 – 6:00 pm Zoom Meeting

Attendees: Emily Rinde-Thorsen, Warren Kimball, Laurie Hendricks, Tom Ripley, Karen Hermanson

6:04 – Meeting Called to Order

The purpose of the meeting was to discuss the options for running Old Home Days 2020 amidst the COVID-19 Pandemic. The options presented are listed below:

1. Run the event as planned on Saturday 8/15/2020
2. Hold a Parade Only on Saturday 8/15/2020 – The focus and theme of the parade is 2020 Graduates from Grantham
3. Hold a Parade Only for the public and an RSVP event at the Rec Park for Families of the 2020 Grads from Grantham
4. Do not hold any community event (parade or gathering) and cancel Old Home Day 2020

The Committee leans heavily on the parade only idea for 2020. The community can celebrate the grads, who will be able to create a float per grade, or march in the parade and receive their recognition from the town.

This will be a safe gathering. The parade route can be extended past Dunbar Hill to create more room to socially distance along the route.

The focus should be on creating a wide range of entrances into the 2020 parade.

The consensus is that there are a lot of factors and protocols that would need to be in place to create a safe environment.

Our status as a low risk region could change at a moment's notice.

There is no guarantee that the community would come to a gathering at the rec park.

The parade would be relatively safe and would be a shorter period of time to be out and about.

All on the call agreed that Option 2 would be the best way to proceed – A parade for Grantham Grads on Saturday 8/15. A suggestion was made to hold the parade in the late afternoon/ early evening so it wouldn't be as hot.

Meeting Adjourned: 6:23