



TOWN OF MINTO

DATE: June 1st, 2017

REPORT TO: Mayor and Council

FROM: Matthew Lubbers, Recreation Services Manager

SUBJECT: Norgan Theatre Update

STRATEGIC PLAN:

Provide cost effective and responsive local government through superior customer service, internal stability and efficiency, and promoting responsible economic growth, healthy lifestyles, and respect for the natural environment.

BACKGROUND:

The Norgan Theatre has had a rich history in Palmerston and the Town of Minto since 1947. As a gift to its residents from George Norgan, the theatre has been the site of many great shows and events over the past 70 years. The fate of the theatre was in question ten years ago, but the community rallied and the Council provided the necessary bridge financing in the form of a loan to ensure the required renovations took place. The 70th anniversary and the repayment of the loan in full are two significant accomplishments.

COMMENTS:

The Norgan Theatre Board would like to celebrate these achievements on August 19th and 20th. These dates were selected to coincide with the official opening of the theatre on August 20th, 1947. Activities planned for Saturday will recognize the rich history of the theatre and George Norgan. Minto resident Dave Wilson is working on a book that will be launched that day that relives the extraordinary life of George Norgan. Sunday activities will be family friendly. The Board would like Council to consider declaring August 20th, 2017 as 'George Norgan Day' in Minto.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Existing budgets and staff allocations are maintained as this is a volunteer driven event.

RECOMMENDATION:

That Council of the Town of Minto receives the June 1st, 2017 report from the Recreation Services Manager entitled Norgan Theatre Update and that August 20th, 2017 is declared 'George Norgan Day' in Minto.

Matthew Lubbers
Recreation Services Manager