

Fair will be run safely, says GM, with full approval of public health - Lindsay Advocate

By Lindsay Advocate



I would like to take this opportunity to address misinformation and rumours that are circulating in our community. The board of the Lindsay Agricultural Society carefully considered whether it was prudent to proceed with the 2021 Lindsay Exhibition. We have been in consultation with the HKPR Health Unit throughout the decision process and have an approved COVID-19 Safety Plan approved by them as required by the Ontario regulations. The plan the LEX is operating under meets or exceeds all provincial regulations currently in force.

We received input from one of the doctors who led the vaccination effort in our community, he was present at the board meeting in August when the final decision to proceed was made, and he was fully supportive of the decision. Specifically, I would like to point out the following:

The LAS has been a strong supporter of the public health efforts in our community throughout the pandemic. We enabled Ross Memorial Hospital to open the drive-through COVID-19 testing centre within 48 hours of them reaching out to us. The testing centre was considered a model that other communities looked to when creating their own. As well, the mass vaccination site at the LEX Grounds administered over 62,000 vaccinations (over 23 per cent of all vaccinations given across the entire HKPR HU). It was lauded as one of the most efficient sites in the province. The Health Unit and the GOVAXX Bus will be present at certain times during the LEX to administer vaccinations.