

Fairy Lake canoe rentals?

Don't own a canoe, but want to paddle on Fairy Lake? If Town politicians like a proposed canoe rental pilot project, it could be a reality this summer.

The Town beached its canoe and paddle boat rental program 10 years ago because of declining rentals and

increased operating costs for canoe/paddle boat programming, repair and replacement, but in a report to the Town's Community Affairs Committee on Tuesday, Warren Harris, the Town's Manager of Parks and Open Spaces, said they were approached by the Holy

Cow Canoe Company - a manufacturer south of Acton, that wants to rent canoes and provide instruction.

Final approval by Council includes Holy Cow meeting a number of conditions including adequate insurance, storage for equipment in the Poultry Barn, and terms and conditions for safe operation of the program. The Town will install signs and use its website to publicize the new rental program.

As proposed, Holy Cow would rent canoes on weekends from May to September, and weekdays during July and August. At the end of the proposed one-year pilot project, staff will report back on extending the deal with Holy Cow for another five years.

A company official who identified himself as Gulan, said rental costs have not been set, and they expect to have at least 10 canoes for rental.

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