

Loan raises concern

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adding that the department had been forced to operate for some time without a book keeper.

The fundamental question of the Pow-Wow's financial sustainability was also raised.

"I thought they weren't supposed to take a loan out every year," offered community member and 2001 council candidate Barb Smith.

"Why do they have to have a loan every single year...Is that how it's going to be?"

Tourism board representative and District 4 Councillor Glenda Porter answered that the loans are viewed as only a short-term solution until Tourism has a chance "to get enough money built up."

District 1 Councillor Syd Henhawk

countered that council needs a clearer picture of when that might be.

"If we loan them \$90,000 I think we have a vested interest in what's going on there."

Chief Roberta Jamieson said an orientation session on the Pow-Wow, including a financial review of the 2001 event, will take place in the coming weeks.