



PUBLIC UPDATE

TOWN OF INUVIK – CHIEF JIM KOE PARK & SPECIAL EVENTS PAVILION OPENING MAY 25, 2021

The Town of Inuvik is excited for the Summer and the upcoming events from both the Town of Inuvik and other community organizations, with this in mind we are happy to announce that the Special Events Pavilion will be opening for the Summer season as of June 18, 2021.

To prepare for our Summer season, the walls of the tent will be removed in early June and the Special Events Pavilion will be open on all sides therefore to be considered an “outdoor venue” for all to enjoy. The walls will remain off until mid-September when once again the Pavilion will become enclosed with locking doors and will be considered an “indoor venue”.

And although the Special Events Pavilion will be open and available for public use this summer, we all must remember to adhere to current recommendations and health orders put in place by the GNWT Chief Public Health Officer. Therefore, please note that under current stipulations, maximum attendance for any outdoor gathering is 50 persons.

We look forward to the day when capacity restrictions are not in effect and we can once again host unrestricted outdoor activities and spend time together as a community with special events, festivals, concerts, old time dances, and cultural performances. The new space includes bleacher seating for up to 270 persons, a 32 x 32 platform stage, and a trailer performance stage. There is also power available (pay per use) on site.

In addition to the Special Events Pavilion, construction of the new Tourism & Arctic Market building will also begin this summer with intended completion for this Fall or early Winter.

To accommodate the new buildings and development in the Park, several small parking lots are also under construction for the future. They will not all be ready for the Summer of 2021, but we look to provide alternatives for parking solutions for Chief Jim Koe Park, as outlined below.

The Government of the Northwest Territories will also be starting construction on the recreation area between the Midnight Sun Complex and Chief Jim Koe Park. The construction of this area will create a new space for all residents and families of Inuvik to enjoy as they create a new soccer field and ball diamond.

Whilst we are awaiting on construction of the new projects to enhance Inuvik’s Town Centre, there are a few things to consider when entering Chief Jim Koe Park area this Summer:

CONSTRUCTION

1. Chief Jim Koe Park will be under construction as the new Tourism Office/Arctic Market Building is built on the Anglican Church side of the Park.
2. There will be no thoroughfare between the Midnight Sun Complex and Chief Jim Koe Park due to the Soccer Field & Ball Diamond construction by the GNWT. All pedestrians will be required to walk around Capital Suites or the Igloo Church to access the Pavilion and Park.
3. Unfortunately, there will be **no access to grass areas** in Chief Jim Koe Park for the Summer of 2021, as we start seeding the remainder of the Park that is not under construction.



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PARKING

1. The horseshoe road that used to exist as a thoroughfare around the perimeter of Chief Jim Koe Park is no longer open to vehicle traffic. Therefore, parking is limited at Chief Jim Koe Park for patrons. Alternative parking in the area may be found in the following sites for evening and weekend events with permission from the property owners: ARI, Anglican Church, Post Office and the lot adjacent to Just Raven' Fashion Fabrics / Arctic Foods.
2. For event hosts/ workers/& service vehicles, there is possible temporary access via the gravel pad area in front of the Pavilion along Mackenzie Road. This is never to be used as parking, but rather a temporary loading zone.
3. Patrons will be able to access two small parking areas from Mackenzie Road where there will be limited spaces available in designated areas on the Arctic Foods/Children First Centre side of the Park.

PAVILION

1. For Summer of 2021, the only available space for events at Chief Jim Koe Park will be the ground directly beneath the Pavilion itself.
2. Please note that all event organizers must have approval from the Office of the Chief Public Health Officer and/or an approved Risk Exposure Plan prior to hosting their event or have confirmed other arrangements with our Director of Community Services. No more than 50 persons are allowed at any outdoor gathering and depending on the function and layout of your event, less may be approved.
3. If you are interested in hosting an event this Summer under the Pavilion, all inquiries should be directed to the Midnight Sun Complex.

Please contact:

Midnight Sun Complex

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867.777.8640

MAP & ACCESS

A map of the current access points, available parking and construction areas can be found in in accompaniment to this Public Update for further clarification.

FURTHER UPDATES & INFORMATION

For complete project information including timeline, engagement process, current status, design renderings and public updates please refer to the Town of Inuvik website at <https://www.inuvik.ca/en/doing-business/jim-koe-park-redevelopment.asp> and/or follow the Town of Inuvik Facebook Page at <https://www.facebook.com/TownofInuvik/>.