



Minutes

Municipality of Thames Centre

Thames Centre Special Events Committee

August 9, 2023, 11:00 A.M.

**Municipal Office - Council Chambers
4305 Hamilton Road, Dorchester, ON**

Members Present: M. Murray, Vice-Chair/Community Member
D. Lockie, Council Representative
P. Wearne, Community Member
A. Marr, Community Member

Members Absent: C. Crockett, Chair/Council Representative
J. Kraft, Community Member
L. Schertzel, Community Member

Staff Present: D. Brown, Staff Representative
S. MacDonald, Staff Representative
J. Nethercott, Recording Secretary

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 11:02 a.m.

2. Disclosure Of Pecuniary Interest

No pecuniary interests were disclosed

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Moved by: A. Marr

Seconded by: D. Lockie

(Resolution # TCSEC-23-2023)

THAT the minutes of the Thames Centre Special Events Committee meeting held on July 12, 2023 be adopted as presented.

Carried.

4. Presentations/Delegations

None.

5. Reports of Staff

5.1 2024 Budget Planning

Director of Community Services and Facilities S. MacDonald reported that the 2024 Budget will include a specific amount for each event the committee hosts and currently Staff are requesting the same amount as in 2023 of \$35,000.00.

The Committee discussed options for the budget and what events are to be held for 2024. The Committee decided that in order to ensure they keep up with raising costs of live entertainment and to have the funds to run a New Year's Eve event an increase of \$5,000 for a total request of \$40,000.00 to the budget should be submitted.

Moved by: P. Wearne
Seconded by: A. Marr
(Resolution # TCSEC-24-2023)

That the Thames Centre Special Events Committee hereby requests that the 2024 Budget Submission be \$40,000.00.

Carried.

6. Committee Business

6.1 Movie Night

- Dorchester - Saturday August 12
- Harrietsville - Friday August 25

Parks & Facilities Supervisor D. Brown reported that the Thorndale movie night on July 14, 2023 had approximately 15 people in attendance. Staff feel this was due to the fact it had rained most of the day and stopped just before the movie time.

6.2 BridgeFest

- Saturday September 9

Parks & Facilities Supervisor D. Brown provided a reported that there are currently 70 vendors registered for BridgeFest. The Committee discussed the possibility of find kids entertainment to fill the one open spot.

Community Member P. Wearne brought forward the idea of having chalk drawings done on the bridge during the festival. The Lion's Senior Centre has agreed to look after this aspect of the event and the Committee agreed it would be a great addition to the program.

6.3 Halloween Light Home Tour

- Deadline to register October 16

The Committee agreed to do this again in 2024, with Recreation Staff taking registrations.

6.4 Festival Of Lights

- Saturday November 18

The Committee discussed the date of this and as it coincides with London's Santa Claus Parade, they chose to change the date to Friday November 17 from 5 pm to 8 pm in Dorchester Park.

6.5 Christmas Light Home Tour

- Deadline to register December 3

The Committee decided to extend the registration date to Monday December 11, 2023.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Unfinished Business

None.

9. New Business

Includes other business items requiring direction.

None.

10. Scheduling of Meetings

Next meeting scheduled for Wednesday September 13, at 11 am.

The Committee discussed the upcoming meeting dates and decided the next meeting will be Tuesday September 5, 2023 at 12:30 p.m.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss it was:

Moved by: D. Lockie

Seconded by: A. Marr

(Resolution # TCSEC-25-2023)

RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 11:56 a.m.

Carried.