



Minutes

Municipality of Thames Centre

Thames Centre Special Events Committee

July 12, 2023, 11:00 A.M.

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

Members Present: C. Crockett, Chair/Council Representative
M. Murray, Vice-Chair/Community Member
A. Marr, Community Member
J. Kraft, Community Member

Members Absent: D. Lockie, Council Representative
P. Wearne, Community Member
L. Schertzl, Community Member

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

1. Call To Order

Chair C. Crockett called the meeting to order at 11:04 a.m.

2. Disclosure Of Pecuniary Interest

No pecuniary interests were disclosed

3. Approval of Previous Minutes

Moved by: A. Marr

Seconded by: M. Murray

(Resolution # TCSEC-21-2023)

THAT the minutes of the Thames Centre Special Events Committee meeting held on June 22, 2023, be adopted as presented.

Carried.

4. Presentations/Delegations

None.

5. Reports of Staff

None.

6. Committee Business

6.1 Canada Day Recap

Councillor Crockett reported that the Canada Celebrations were a big success with approximately 3,500 in attendance.

Parks & Facilities Supervisor D. Brown reported that the local talent as entertainment was well received, if budget allows, next year additional live entertainment maybe added to expand the time frame. Playground staff reported that the craft area was busy. D. Brown further reported that, while not all invoices have been submitted, most have been and so far approximately \$10,500.00 of the budget has been spent.

Councillor Crockett reported on behalf of Councillor Lockie that the games were a success and that she had the following suggestions for next year:

- Consider altering time of games to afternoon only, with a 30-minute time limit
- More help is needed, especially with the children's games.
- games could also be done during switch over of live entertainers.

Discussion was held around the live entertainment and Parks & Facilities Supervisor D. Brown was to reach out to all entertainment and vendors inviting them to return for 2024.

6.2 Movie Night

Parks & Facilities Supervisor D. Brown reported that there was no one in attendance at the Wellburn Park Movie night. It was felt that the rainy day was the reason. The committee agreed to try another movie night at this location next year.

Further movie nights are as follows:

- July 14 at Thorndale Community Park
- August 12 at Dorchester Park
- August 25 at Harrietsville Park

6.3 BridgeFest

Parks & Facilities Supervisor D. Brown provided an overview of the planning completed for the event. The event will run from 12 noon to 8 p.m., with live entertainment between 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. The road will be closed beginning at 10 a.m. D. Brown reported that there are currently 55 vendors.

Committee requested that staff contact the bands from Canada Day to see if they are available for Bridgefest.

7. Correspondence

None.

8. Unfinished Business

None.

9. New Business

The Director of Community Services & Facilities S. MacDonald reported that groups will be mentioned at Council meeting on July 17th to publicly thank them.

10. Scheduling of Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled to be held August 9, 2023, at 11:00 a.m.

11. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss it was:

Moved by: M. Murray

Seconded by: J. Kraft

(Resolution # TCSEC-22-2023)

RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 11:55 a.m.

Carried.