

MINUTES
THAMES CENTRE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2022
10:00 A.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICE

PRESENT: B. Jones, Community Representative
C. Crockett, Community Representative
D. Brown, Parks and Facilities Supervisor, Staff Representative
K. Elliott, Council Representative
M. Murray, Vice-Chair
S. MacDonald, Director of Community Services and Facilities, Staff Representative
P. Wearne, Community Representative
J. Wood, Recording Secretary

ABSENT WITH REGRET:
A. Warwick, Chair/Council Representative

ABSENT WITHOUT REGRET:
A. Marr, Community Representative

The Vice-Chair called the meeting to order at 10:01 A.M.

1. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

No pecuniary interests were disclosed at this time.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

(A) **December 1, 2021 regular meeting minutes.** It was:

Moved by: K. Elliott
Seconded by: P. Wearne
(Resolution #TCSEC-01-2022)

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Thames Centre Special Events Committee held on December 1, 2021, be adopted. Carried.

3. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS – None.

4. REPORTS OF STAFF – None.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

(A) **Christmas Light Tour Re-Cap.** D. Brown opened discussion stating that the event went very well and thanked the committee members and parties involved for contributing photos and videos to create a recap video of the event. Noted that there was not as much participation as the year prior. A future idea was to organize a Halloween tour and an ice sculpture event.

- (B) **2022 The Year of the Garden.** K Elliott opened discussion, confirming June 18, 2022 is the day declared to celebrate. The committee discussed planning of the event with the following points covered:
- Need to find new locations – D. Cromarty property not available
 - Expand to local garden centres/farms – map tour idea
 - Thorndale Horticultural Society Participating – plant sale
 - Veggie garden
 - June 17-18 Ecology based film festival at B. Jones farm
 - Focus on trees
 - Proceeds go to feed Ontario – purchase boxes – seed packets
 - Select official flower plant
 - Canadian garden hall of fame – who can we nominate
 - Social Media – what flower would you make as the TC official plant and we declare one the week of the event
 - Library does grab bags – see if they will focus on garden theme
- It was:

Moved by: C. Crockett
Seconded by: B. Jones
(Resolution #TCSEC-02-2022)

RESOLVED THAT K. Elliott will create a letter to Garden Centre's to seek interest in participating in the event as a Garden Tour. Carried.

6. SUB-COMMITTEE BUSINESS – None.
7. CORRESPONDENCE – None.
8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.
9. NEW BUSINESS

(A) **Canada Day**

D. Brown opened discussion for planning Canada Day 2022 and that the committee should plan on proceeding with hosting a regular event with no restrictions, unless otherwise stated. Planning ideas discussed were:

- move more activities to outdoors, into the park land
- confirm if Lions is supplying barbeque food or if we arrange food trucks
- Extend invite to dip n dots
- D. Brown has booked the main activities from the previous years

(B) **Bridge Fest**

D. Brown opened discussion for planning Bridge Fest 2022 and confirmed the date of September 10, 2022. It was confirmed emails have been sent to 2021 vendors, asking if they wish to participate again and that the location will be finalized at the next TCSEC meeting.

10. CLOSED SESSION

Moved by P. Wearne
Seconded by: C. Crockett
(Resolution #TCSEC-03-022)

THAT the Committee move into closed session at 10:38 a.m. pursuant to:

- Section 239(2)(b) of the Municipal Act, being "personal matters about identifiable individuals, including municipal or local board employees", regarding committee appointments. Carried.

Moved by: C. Crockett
Seconded by: P. Wearne
(Resolution #TCSEC-04-2022)

RESOLVED THAT the Council reconvene at 10:41 a.m. in order to continue with its deliberations. Carried.

Moved by: K. Elliott
Seconded by: P. Wearne
(Resolution #TCSEC-05-2022)

RESOLVED THAT the Thames Centre Special Events Committee (TCSEC) request the municipal Clerk to prepare a report for Council's consideration recommending an additional appointment to the TCSEC. Carried.

11. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

The next regular meeting is to be held on Wednesday, March 9, 2022 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at the Municipal Office in Dorchester.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, it was:

Moved by: K. Elliott
Seconded by: P. Wearne
(Resolution #TCSEC-06-2022)

RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourned at 10:42 a.m. Carried.