

MINUTES
THAMES CENTRE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2021
12:00 P.M., COUNCIL CHAMBERS, MUNICIPAL OFFICE

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

ABSENT WITH REGRET:
P. Wearne, Community Representative

The Chair called the meeting to order at 12:01 P.M.

1. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

No pecuniary interests were disclosed at this time.

2. APPROVAL OF PREVIOUS MINUTES

(A) **November 3, 2021 regular meeting minutes.** It was:

Moved by: K. Elliott

Seconded by: M. Murray

(Resolution #TCSEC-37-2021)

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Thames Centre Special Events Committee held on November 3, 2021, be adopted. Carried.

3. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS – None.

4. REPORTS OF STAFF – None.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

(A) **Appoint Vice-Chair.** Chair Warwick opened discussion for the requirement to appoint a Vice-Chair to the committee as the past vice-chair resigned. After discussion it was:

Moved by: A. Marr

Seconded by: K. Elliott

(Resolution #TCSEC-38-2021)

RESOLVED THAT M. Murray be nominated as Vice-Chair. Carried.

- (B) **Festival of Lights Re-Cap.** The committee discussed the success of the Festival of Lights even and the feedback they heard from the community. Points to bring forward and consider next year are as follows:
- More space for every activity, spacing them out more and changing locations – stage, food trucks, Santa, popcorn, etc.
 - More lighting, make Santa more of a focal point, more speaker's park wide, not just at the stage
 - Move to a Saturday to take advantage of daylight for activities, therefore the lighting of the lights can take place earlier, as soon as its dark enough and event wraps up at dusk
 - Adding a beer tent for the adults
 - Expanding to Thorndale
 - Handicap area for accessibility
 - Pre recorded video of kids choir vs. showing up to sing with the concerns of equipment being damaged, not enough to space to enter and exit without congestion and caring for the children until parents arrive to pick them up.
- (C) **Christmas Light Tour.**
- J. Wood to send a completed list/map once completed
 - Video to be created of event from pictures/videos of home lighting
- (D) **New Year's Eve Party.** Chair Warwick opened discussion for the New Year's Eve Party. The committee agreed that a Free Skate will be hosted in Dorchester from 5-8 p.m. with party hats and noise makers. A movie with party hats and popcorn will be hosted from 6-8 p.m. in Thorndale.

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

S. Marr brought forward an inquiry from a member of the community regarding a Garden Tour in June of 2022. K. Elliott then mentioned a Notice of Motion that was made on October 4, 2021 at a Thames Centre council meeting. "The Municipality of Thames Centre hereby acknowledges 2022 as the Year of the Garden AND THAT the Saturday before Father's Day, June 18, 2022, be recognized as Garden Day in the Municipality of Thames Centre as a legacy of Canada's Year of the Garden 2022". The committee discussed how the Thames Centre Special Events Committee should be involved with the events in the community for this day and it was agreed upon that committee will collaborate with the community, specifically Don Cromarty

and the Horticulture Society in Thorndale to assist with the tour map and incorporate the community spirit award nominations. The committee will promote the events, not create their own.

10. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

After discussion, it was:

Moved by: C. Crockett
Seconded by: M. Murray
(Resolution #TCSEC-39-2021)

RESOLVED THAT the following schedule of the Thames Centre Special Events Committee meeting dates for the 2022 calendar year be approved:

February 9, 2022
March 9, 2022
April 13, 2022
May 11, 2022
June 8, 2022
July 13, 2022
August 10, 2022
September 14, 2022
October 12, 2022

Noting that such dates and time may be subject to change and that the meetings will be held in the Council Chambers located at the Municipal Office in Dorchester.
Carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, it was:

Moved by: K. Elliott
Seconded by: M. Murray
(Resolution #TCSEC-40-2021)

RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourned at 12:45 p.m. Carried.