

MINUTES
THAMES CENTRE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 4, 2021
10:00 A.M., ONLINE MEETING (ZOOM)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86973163039?pwd=QnpHN1ZjNjNONHJpNEt4dGZrL1d1Zz09>

PRESENT: A. Marr, Community Representative
A. Warwick, Chair/Council Representative
D. Brown, Parks and Facilities Supervisor, Staff Representative
K. Elliott, Council Representative
P. Wearne, Community Representative
M. Murray, Community Representative
S. MacDonald, Director of Community Services and Facilities, Staff Representative
T. Haffner, Administrative Assistant of Recreation and Fire, Staff Resource/Recording Secretary

ABSENT: A. Hill, Vice Chair/Community Representative
B. Jones, Community Representative
K. Ross, Community Representative

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:03 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) **June 2, 2021 regular meeting minutes.** It was:

Moved by: K. Elliott

Seconded by: P. Wearne

(Resolution #TCSEC-15-2021)

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Thames Centre Special Events Committee held on June 2, 2021, be adopted. Carried.

3. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS

(A) **I Love Dorchester Introduction.** I Love Dorchester (ILD) presented to the Thames Centre Special Events Committee (TCSEC) who they are and what their vision entails. In the final slide, ILD suggested ways TCSEC can work together:

- Informally promote our events, recruit volunteers and brainstorm events ideas;
- Work with the municipality, local youth, artists and businesses to create mentors for the community;
- Help small business source space/store fronts and support with promotions and networking.

Overall, the goal of the presentation was to bridge the gap between groups and work together in the future.

4. REPORTS OF STAFF – None.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

- (A) **#TourThamesCentre.** #TourThamesCentre has finished its first month, and we have announced the three July winners. Overall, there have not been a ton of people using the hashtag, so we are encouraging the group to continue to share on social media. The #TourThamesCentre signs are out at the businesses and look great!
- (B) **Canada Day Recap.** The Canada Day videos and pictures have been sent to the Thames Centre email address, and once they are all together we will create a 2021 Canada Day video.
- (C) **Bridge Fest.** Since things are opening up, the Chair has suggested we start to organize Bridge Fest, and incorporate this event with the Stihl Timbersports event. It was decided that Bridge Fest would be on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. K. Elliott verbally reported that the Thames Centre Special Events Committee can focus on trying to make this event more diverse by welcoming vendors and food trucks of all cultures. We could line booths up from the bridge, all the way to the FlightExec Centre. If we just want to utilize the bridge, we could fit 15 vendors, with 8x8 tents. In addition, we will set-up the event trailer for entertainment on the end of the walking bridge and people will be encouraged to walk down to local establishments to visit their patios. On Saturday, September 11, 2021 the Dorchester Lions Club would be interested in doing fireworks to finish off the event, which will commence at dark. With all these ideas, K. Elliott brings up a great point how these ideas may bring large crowds. At this time, staff will reach out to the Middlesex-London Health Unit to make sure all rules and regulations are met and what our limitations are. It was:

Moved by: A. Marr
Seconded by: P. Wearne
(Resolution #TCSEC-16-2021)

RESOLVED THAT staff will contact the Middlesex-London Health Unit to see what rules and regulations need to be followed for events, so planning for Bridge Fest can commence. Carried.

6. SUB-COMMITTEE BUSINESS – None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

- (A) K. Elliott suggested organizing an end of summer movie night in Thorndale on Friday, August 27, 2021 and in Dorchester on Saturday, August 28, 2021. Thames Centre staff will organize the movie licence, and see what movies are available. Staff will also create a sign-up on the Thames Centre website, for those interested in coming to the movie night.

10. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

The Committee discussed the meeting schedule, noting that the next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. online, via Zoom. It was then:

Moved by: P Wearne
Seconded by: M. Murray
(Resolution #TCSEC-17-2021)

RESOLVED THAT the Thames Centre Special Events Committee will add a meeting to the schedule, and the next meeting will be on Friday, August 13, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. online, via Zoom. Carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, it was:

Moved by: A. Marr
Seconded by: K. Elliott
(Resolution #TCSEC-18-2021)

RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourned at 11:29 a.m. Carried.