

**MINUTES**  
**THAMES CENTRE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE**  
**FRIDAY, AUGUST 13, 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  
B. Jones, Community 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  
K. Ross, Community Representative

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:00 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) **August 4, 2021 regular meeting minutes.** It was:

Moved by: K. Elliott

Seconded by: P. Wearne

(Resolution #TCSEC-19-2021)

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Thames Centre Special Events Committee held on August 4, 2021, be adopted. Carried.

3. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS – None.

4. REPORTS OF STAFF – None.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

(A) **#LightUpThamesCentre Video.** As of now, we have only received five pictures for the #LightUpThamesCentre video. Since we did not receive very many submissions, the Thames Centre Special Events Committee recommended adding the new ones to the 2020 Canada Day video. K. Elliott suggested creating one big video with Bridge Fest, End of Summer Movie

Night, the fireworks show and any other upcoming events to the Canada Day 2021 submissions.

- (B) **Bridge Fest.** The Chair verbally reported that Bridge Fest has received a lot of praise. The following points were discussed:
- The Dorchester and District Lions Club will be selling food at the baseball diamonds for a tournament during the day, and then fireworks in the evening;
  - The London Food Truck Association (LFTA) supplies eight trucks (and a minimum of six will attend), where the vendors decide if they want to attend the event. Yet, the LFTA will not come to an event if other groups are selling food. At this time, the Thames Centre Special Events Committee (TCSEC) will connect back with the LFTA to make sure six vendors will attend, and then decide what is best for Bridge Fest;
  - D. Brown reported that the County has agreed to close the road from Dorchester Road to Bridge Street. The Parks and Facilities Supervisor are notified the group that eight vendors have signed-up for Bridge Fest;
  - K. Elliott has created great posters for social media and we will continue to share to encourage more booths to join;
  - B. Jones has reached out to musical acts, as well as sound equipment, and they have been contacted and will attend on Saturday, September 11, 2021 from 2:00-8:00pm. Each artist will be promoting Bridge Fest on the socials. The Event Trailer will be placed in the same location, by Home Hardware; and
  - The Chair has reached out to JNS Dance, and they will also be performing at this event.

The Dorchester and District Lions has reached out to the TCSEC to donate money towards the firework celebration. K. Elliott suggested donating \$1,500.00 towards fireworks. It was:

Moved by: K. Elliott  
Seconded by: A. Warwick  
(Resolution #TCSEC-20-2021)

RESOLVED THAT Thames Centre Special Events Committee will donate \$1,500.00 towards the firework celebration on Saturday, September 11, 2021. Carried.

- (C) **End of Summer Movie Night.** The Parks and Facilities Supervisor has obtained a movie license and K. Elliott has created a poster that is now on Facebook and Twitter. At this time, people are encouraged to sign-up for the end of summer movie night.

6. SUB-COMMITTEE BUSINESS – None.
7. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

10. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

The next regular meeting is to be held on Wednesday, September 1, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at the Municipal Office in Dorchester, as well as, online, via Zoom.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, it was:

Moved by: P. Wearne

Seconded by: A. Marr

(Resolution #TCSEC-21-2021)

RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourned at 10:37 a.m. Carried.