



Staff Report

Community Services

Report To: Committee of the Whole
Meeting Date: February 22, 2017
Report Number: CSPW.17.009
Subject: Event Temporary Road Closures 2017
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A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Report CSPW.17.009 entitled “Event Temporary Road Closures for 2017”;

AND THAT Council authorize the temporary closure of certain Town highway portions, as outlined in this report, subject to approval through the Events Notification process;

AND THAT Council authorize the relief of the Municipal Alcohol Policy and authorize the sale and serving of alcohol at the Tomahawk Recreation Complex (417230 10th Line, Thornbury, ON) under the regulation of a Special Occasion Permit from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) issued to the Blue Mountains Public Library for the Canada Day Activities held on June 30, 2017.

AND THAT Council authorize Town Staff to assist proponents with the application process to Grey County for the temporary closure of certain Grey County highway portions, as outlined in this report, subject to approval through the Event Notification process.

1. July 1st Canada Day Parade

Marsh Street north from John Street in Clarksburg to and including Bruce Street in Thornbury (Grey Road 13 to Highway 26 and Bruce Street north) to the Thornbury Harbour from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., as well as the Hester Street parking lot in Thornbury from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

2. June 15th & 17th Grey County Road Race

Napier Street north from Beaver Street to the 33rd Sideroad, as well as the 10th Line from the 33rd Sideroad north to Grey Road 113 throughout the days during the programmed events.

3. August 25th Country Hoedown

Bruce Street south (Grey Road 13) from Highway 26 to Louisa Street from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

4. September 8th & 9th Beaver Valley Fall Fair

Victoria Street from Alice Street to Alfred Street on September 8th from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and on September 9th from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

5. **September 15th, 16th & 17th Centurion Cycling**
Gord Canning Drive from Jozo Weider Boulevard to Grey Road 19 Traffic Circle throughout the days during the programmed events.
6. **October 15th Run Blue Mountains Marathon**
Victoria Street from Alice Street to Alfred Street from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
7. **December 9th Old Fashioned Christmas**
Bruce Street south (Grey Road 13) from Highway 26 to Louisa Street from 5:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

B. Overview

This report outlines the upcoming 2017 Special Events taking place within the Town that require Council approval for temporary road closures.

C. Background

As of February 22, 2017 the Community Services Department is processing 14 events that require differing levels of road use in 2017. Of those 14 events, the 7 events listed in the above recommendations involve requested road closures. Each event drives increased community involvement and an increase in regional profile. An application to the Grey County is also required for all temporary road closures of specified County Roads.

1. The Town, BIA and The Blue Mountains Public Library will be partnering for Pre Canada Day activities to be hosted on June 30th at Tomahawk Recreation Complex. Activities will include the Public Library Parking Lot Party and followed by a Fire Works Display. The relief of the Municipal Alcohol Policy is required due to Tomahawk recreation Complex being a facility that is typically not permitted to host an event with a Special Occasion Permit related event. On Canada Day, July 1st, there is proposed a seventh annual parade down Marsh and Bruce Streets beginning in Clarksburg and finishing in Thornbury at the Highway 26 and Bruce Street intersection. The parade has been a great success in the past and is well organized.
2. The Grey County Road Race and Time Trial is in its second year. This event was well attended last year and was well organized. The event is a National Cycling qualifier and consists of a cycling race portion and time trial event. The start and finish sections of the event will be located at Tomahawk Recreation Complex instead of the Beaver Valley Community Centre and Blue Mountain Resort.
3. The Thornbury BIA has proposed the continuation of the sixth annual Country Hoedown. The activities have been limited to music, food vendors as well as country themed decorations on Bruce Street from Louisa Street to Highway 26.
4. The Fall Fair has been present in the Blue Mountains for over 140 years. The event has consisted of horse shows, crop competitions and judging food service, youth activities and entertainment. All of these events take place over 2 days, Friday night and all day

Saturday. It is a family oriented event that typically draws between 1,500 and 2,000 people and has around 120 exhibitors on location. The Fall Fair showcases and focuses on our agriculture industry and community, which is unique to this event.

5. Centurion Cycling is in its seventh year. This event requires significant logistical planning and staff provide approval reviews from all neighbouring municipalities and Counties as well as all appropriate agencies.
6. For the fifth year, the Run Blue Mountains Marathon will be organized by the Thornbury Clarksburg Rotary Club. The event will consist of 1km, 5km, 10km and 21km routes. All routes start and finish at the Beaver Valley Community Centre and require the Victoria Street road closure from Alfred Street north to Alice Street to allow safe start and finish line control. All other road use will be controlled via Police Lead and Tail vehicles.
7. Old Fashioned Christmas has been organized on Bruce Street for over 20 years. This is an annual event that brings locals and visitors to downtown Thornbury and is viewed, by some, as the kick off to the Christmas season. Bruce Street south (Grey Road 13) from Highway 26 to Louisa Street is closed to accommodate the festivities. This is the historical location for the event and has proven successful in the past.

D. Analysis

Special Events taking place within the municipality help promote the area and encourage additional tourism. Several of the events are well attended by local residents and benefit the local communities.

E. The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan

- Goal #1: Create Opportunities for Sustainability
- Goal #2: Engage Our Communities & Partners
- Goal #3: Support Healthy Lifestyles
- Goal #4: Promote a Culture of Organizational & Operational Excellence

F. Environmental Impacts

These events will pose very little environmental impact.

G. Financial Impact

Each event is subject to the Special Event Permit process and applicable fees.

H. In consultation with

Infrastructure and Public Works

OPP

Fire Department

Building and By-Law Services

Grey County

Simcoe County

Municipality of Meaford

Municipality of Grey Highlands

Town of Collingwood

Clearview Township

I. Attached

None

Respectfully submitted,

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