

MINUTES
THAMES CENTRE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2020
10:00 A.M., ONLINE MEETING (ZOOM)

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86346871579?pwd=S3R5Vks4aE9RMVBza1VkcGIhMGJHQT09>

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 WITH REGRET:

B. Jones, Community Representative
K. Ross, Community Representative

ABSENT: A. Hill, Vice Chair/Community Representative

The Chair called the meeting to order at 10:07 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) **September 17, 2020, regular meeting minutes.** It was:

Moved by: P. Wearne
Seconded by: K. Elliott
(Resolution #TCSEC-25-2020)

RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Thames Centre Special Events Committee held on September 17, 2020, be adopted. Carried.

3. PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATIONS – None.

4. REPORTS OF STAFF

(A) **Movie Licencing.** The Parks and Facilities Supervisor verbally reported that if you have an outdoor movie, you do have to apply each movie night and pay the fee. You can obtain a movie licence if the screen is going to stay inside and be placed in the same location, at all times. The committee challenged the Parks and Facilities Supervisor about playing live sporting events, and more detail regarding this topic will be addressed at the next meeting.

5. COMMITTEE BUSINESS

(A) **Festival of Lights.** With so many new restrictions, the Chair reported that we could not move forward with the regular Festival of Light event this year. At this time, the Chair sought insight for more ideas in order to bring the holiday spirit to Thames Centre, while obtaining all COVID-19 guidelines. The ideas are as follows:

- Asking homeowners to nominate their Christmas decorated houses, and create a map to drive around Thames Centre and look at said houses;
- Service clubs decorating trees and Thames Centre residents can drop off decorations for trees;
- Cut smaller wooden tress, and people could come and decorate them.

In the end, the Thames Centre Special Events Committee (TCSEC) agreed to create a map to direct residents around Thames Centre to look at decorated homes. The Committee will advise service clubs so they can be involved, and even decorate a certain location. On the map, we can add the FlightExec Centre as one stop and have a foodbank drop-off for those attending the tour. This idea will replace the formal Festival of Lights event. It was:

Moved by: A. Marr
Seconded by: K. Elliott
(Resolution #TCSEC-26-2020)

RESOLVED THAT the TCSEC formal Festival of Lights Event held in November be officially cancelled;
AND THAT the TCSEC direct staff to create a Christmas Light tour map around Thames Centre, and advertise for residents to nominate their homes;
AND THAT the TCSEC direct staff to notify service clubs to decorate their building or an area in Thames Centre, which can be added on the map. Carried.

(B) **Community Spirit Award.** At this time, the Chair discussed a new Community Spirit Award nominee and winner. The Thames Centre staff will present this award when time persists. In regards to prizes, staff will look into supporting local, as well as providing Thames Centre accessories and themed items. Overall, the Halloween Community Spirit Award has been advertised, and nominations have started to come in. It was:

Moved by: P. Wearne
Seconded by: A. Marr
(Resolution #TCSEC-27-2020)

RESOLVED THAT the Thames Centre Special Events Committee direct staff to continue to promote for the Halloween Community Spirit Award and purchase prizes on behalf of the Committee. Carried.

6. SUB-COMMITTEE BUSINESS – None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE – None.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS – None.

9. NEW BUSINESS

(A) Community Representative, A. Marr, inquired about hosting meetings in the Council Chambers located at the Municipal Office in Dorchester, again. The Chair is comfortable with meetings being held in the office, at a safe distance. Yet, the committee will still have the opportunity to continue on Zoom, if desired. It was:

Moved by: A. Marr
Seconded by: M. Murray
(Resolution #TCSEC-28-2020)

RESOLVED THAT the Thames Centre Special Events Committee will start holding meetings in the Council Chambers located at the Municipal Office in Dorchester, as well as online, via Zoom. Carried.

10. SCHEDULING OF MEETINGS

The Committee discussed the meeting schedule, noting that the next regular meeting is scheduled to be held on Thursday, December 10, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at the Municipal Office in Dorchester, as well as, Online, via Zoom. It was then:

Moved by: M. Murray
Seconded by: P. Wearne
(Resolution #TCSEC-29-2020)

RESOLVED THAT the Thames Centre Special Events Committee will add a meeting to the schedule, and the next meeting will be on Thursday, November 19, 2020 at 10:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers located at the Municipal Office in Dorchester, as well as Online, via Zoom. Carried.

11. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to discuss, it was:

Moved by: P. Wearne
Seconded by: A. Marr
(Resolution #TCSEC-30-2020)

RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourned at 10:50 a.m. Carried.

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Original signed by:
Alison Warwick, Chair

Original signed by:
Tori Haffner, Staff Resource/Recording Secretary