

STAFF REPORT: Community Services Department



REPORT TO: Committee of the Whole
MEETING DATE: June 9, 2014
REPORT NO.: DOR.14.24
SUBJECT: Southern Georgian Bay War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee Request
PREPARED BY: Shawn Everitt
Director of Community Services

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Report DOR.14.24 entitled "Southern Georgian Bay War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee Request", for information purposes;

AND THAT Council approve the request for Relief to the Noise By Law for Tuesday August 12th, 2014 from 4p.m. until 9p.m. for the purposes of re-enactment of a War of 1812 period battle re-enactment at Bayview Park 60 Bay Street, Thornbury;

AND THAT Council approve the request for overnight camping for Tuesday August 12th and departing Wednesday August 13th, 2014 and that overnight camping be limited to those individuals participating in the 1812 Activities.

B. Background

A request has been made to staff to permit activities of the 200th Anniversary of the War of 1812. Similar activities have also been requested in the Municipality of Meaford on Monday August 11th 2014 as well as the Town of Collingwood on Thursday August 13th 2014.

The request made by the Southern Georgian Bay War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee is as follows;

- Request to moor in Thornbury Harbour at no cost for 8 - 10 1812 period vessels on August 12th, 2014, departing on Wednesday August 13th, 2014;
- Provide an appropriate location to host the re-enactment of a Battle of 1812;
- Provide for an appropriate location to allow for overnight camping for approximately 30 – 40 re-enactment participants.

Request to moor

Typically, a good number of seasonal harbour occupants are away on extended trips during his period of time in August allowing for the use of seasonal slips for the 8 – 10

vessels and still allowing for other transient slips to be available, therefore the request for mooring at the Thornbury Harbour is very achievable.

Request for overnight camping

Staff has suggested the former campground area of Bayview Park be utilized for participants for overnight camping. Overnight camping would be limited to only those participants taking part in the re-enactment activities. Staff has also confirmed that camping equipment will be limited to tents. Bayview Park provides public washroom facilities with adequate lighting for participants. Parks Use By-law 2008-60 under Part II 'Park Use', allows for the permitting camping and states the following;

Section 15 - Camping and Lodging

15. Unless authorized by the Director, Recreation Committee, and/or Council, no person shall dwell, camp, or lodge in a park

Relief to Noise By-law

Staff identifies that Relief of the Noise By-law is required for these activities. The generation of Noise will be limited to the hours of 4p.m. until 9p.m.; the generation of noise will be generated from the battle re-enactment that is suggested to be from 6p.m. to 8p.m. Noise will be generated during the re-enactment activities. Trained participants will utilize period weapons and firearms and staff has confirmed that no projectiles will be utilized. The use of an 1812 period style cannon will also be utilized.

Conclusion

Community Services has consulted and received support from the Senior Management Team that these activities provide an excellent opportunity for residents to view such activities and supports the requests made by the Southern Georgian Bay War of 1812 Bicentennial Committee.

C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan .

The Blue Mountains Corporate Mission

The Town will realize the community vision through innovative leadership and strong partnerships to provide sustainable services into the future.

The Blue Mountains Goals

Supporting the development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs in the community.

Sustainable Path

To enhance community life and pride by providing a wide range of community events

D. Environmental Impact

All activities will ensure appropriate and sustainable use of town property

E. Budget Impact

Mooring of 8 – 10 vessels
Average size of 20 feet
200 ft @ \$1.97 per foot = \$394.00 plus HST
No hydro will be required

F. In Consultation With

Senior Management Team
Greg Miller, Manager of Building & By-law/CBO

G. Attachments

None at this time

Respectfully submitted,

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