

**STAFF REPORT: RECREATION DEPARTMENT**

**REPORT TO:** Infrastructure and Recreation Committee  
**MEETING DATE:** April 10, 2012  
**REPORT NO.:** DOR 12 22  
**SUBJECT:** Event Road Closures for 2012  
**PREPARED BY:** Shawn Everitt  
 Director of Recreation

**A. Recommendations**

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR 12 22 entitled “Event Road Closures for 2012” for their information, and

THAT Council authorize the Closure of specific areas as outlined in this report subject to the approval through the Event Notification process, and

THAT Council authorize the Closure of specific areas as outlined in this report, and

THAT Council authorize Town Staff to proceed with the application process to the County of Grey for the associated County Road Closures, being:

1. July 1<sup>st</sup> - **Canada Day Parade** – Marsh Street from John St in Clarksburg and north on Bruce Street (Grey Road 13 to Highway 26) to the Thornbury Harbour from 12:00pm to 2:00p.m, as well as Hester Street parking lot from 9a.m. to 4p.m..
2. July 14<sup>th</sup> - **Peak to Shore Festival** – Bruce Street south of Highway 26 (Grey Road 13) to Louisa Street from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm.
3. August 24<sup>th</sup> – **Rodeo Weekend Street Dance** - Bruce Street south of Highway 26 (Grey Road 13) to Louisa Street from 4:00pm to 11:00pm
3. December 8<sup>th</sup> - **Old Fashioned Christmas** – Bruce Street south of Highway 26 (Grey Road 13) to Louisa Street from 9:00am to 11:00pm.

**B. Background**

There are 4 major events that require certain road closures as listed above. Each event drives increase sales, increase community involvement, and increase in regional profile. An application to The County of Grey will have to be completed regarding all temporary closures of specified County Roads.

1. On Canada Day, July 1<sup>st</sup>, there is proposed a third annual parade down Marsh and Bruce Streets beginning in Clarksburg and finishing in Thornbury at the Highway 26 and Bruce Street intersection. In 2010 and 2011, the parade has been a great success and well organized.

2. The Peak to Shore Festival is a regional event hosted in partnership with The Blue Mountain Village Association and attracts visitor from all over Ontario. The event is an annual event and numerous businesses in the downtown area of Thornbury record their highest sales day for the summer.

Similar to last year, the event is to be held on Bruce Street south from Highway 26 (Grey Road 13) to Louisa St.

3. A new event that is planned in conjunction with the Cedar Run Rodeo is partnership with the Cedar Run Horse Park and the Thornbury BIA that will host a street dance the Friday evening of the Rodeo weekend. The event is to be held on Bruce Street south from Highway 26 (Grey Road 13) to Louisa St. from 6p.m. to 9:30p.m. with a street closing request from 4p.m. to 11p.m. Proceeds of this event will go to the Beaver Valley Outreach

4. Old Fashioned Christmas has run on Bruce Street for over 20 years. It is an annual event that brings out locals and visitors to downtown Thornbury and is viewed by some as the kick off to the Christmas season. Every year Bruce Street south (Grey Road 13) from Highway 26 to Louisa Street is closed to accommodate the festivities. It is requested this happen again in 2012. This is the historical location for the event and has proven its success.

The County of Grey will have to be contacted regarding any temporary closure of any portion of Grey Road 13.

### **C. The Blue Mountains' Strategic Plan**

- Supporting the development of social and recreational programs to meet the broad range of needs in the community
- Preserving and enhancing natural and environmental features, and cultural heritage of the community

### **D. Environmental Impacts**

These events will have very little environmental impact; they will actually promote more active transportation by restricting the use of vehicles in the Town.

### **E. Budget Impact**

There will be a small impact on the budget from these events in the form of wages to Town Staff delivering barricades, signs, garbage cans, and other necessary equipment to ensure a safe, clean and positive event.

### **F. Attachments**

None at this time

Respectfully submitted,

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