

STAFF REPORT: RECREATION DEPARTMENT



REPORT TO: Infrastructure & Recreation
MEETING DATE: March 19, 2013
REPORT NO.: DOR .13.12
SUBJECT: Event Road Closures for 2013
PREPARED BY: Shawn Everitt
Director of Recreation

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report DOR 13.12 entitled "Event Road Closures for 2013" 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 Town Staff to proceed with the application process to the County of Grey for the associated County Road Closures, being:

1. July 1st - **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 noon to 2:00p.m, as well as Hester Street parking lot from 9a.m. to 4p.m..
2. September 7th – **Beaver Valley Fall Fair** – Victoria Street from Alice St to Alfred St, from 9a.m. to 5p.m..
3. October 20th – **Blue Mountain Marathon** - Victoria Street from Alice St to Alfred St, from 6a.m. to 4p.m..
4. December 14th - **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 1st, 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 Fall Fair has been happening in the Blue Mountains for over 140 years in various locations. The event has consisted of horse shows, crop competition and judging, food service, youth activities and entertainment. All these events happen over

2 days, Friday night and all day Saturday. It is a family oriented event and typically draws 1500 to 2000 people and has around 120 exhibitors on location. The event showcases and focuses on our agriculture industry and community, which is unique to this event.

3. The Blue Mountain Marathon is a relocated event that is organized by the Thornbury Clarksburg Rotary Club. The route starts and finishes at the Beaver Valley Community Centre and requires 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

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 2013. This is the historical location for the event and has proven its success.

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. In Consultation With

Jim McCannell, Manager of Roads & Drainage
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G. Attached

None at this time

Respectfully submitted,

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