



# Staff Report

## Community Services

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**Report To:** Committee of the Whole  
**Meeting Date:** February 21, 2018  
**Report Number:** CSPW.18.016  
**Subject:** 2018 Event Temporary Road Closures  
**Prepared by:** Shawn Everitt, Interim CAO

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### A. Recommendations

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THAT Council receive Staff Report CSPW.18.016 entitled “2018 Event Temporary Road Closures”;

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 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. June 14<sup>th</sup> & 16<sup>th</sup> The Blue Mountains Road Race**

This event was formerly named the Grey County Road Race. This is the third year of operations for this event. Victoria Street South (from Alfred Street West to Alice Street West) from 10:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m. on June 14 and 6:00 a.m. to 5:00p.m. on June 16. Victoria Street South (from Napier Street West to Alfred Street West) from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on June 14 and from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on June 16. Alfred Street West (from Orchard Drive to just east of the entrance to Apple Jack) from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on June 14 and from 7:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on June 16.

**2. July 1<sup>st</sup> Canada Day Parade**

Marsh Street from Charles Street 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.

**3. August 24<sup>th</sup> Summer Street Dance**

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

- 4. September 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Beaver Valley Fall Fair**  
Victoria Street South (from Alice Street West to Alfred Street West) on September 8<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. and on September 9<sup>th</sup> from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.
- 5. October 14<sup>th</sup> Run Blue Mountains Marathon**  
Victoria Street South (from Alice Street West to Alfred Street West) from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- 6. December 8<sup>th</sup> 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**

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This report outlines the upcoming 2018 Special Events taking place within the Town that require Council approval for temporary road closures.

## **C. Background**

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As of February 7, 2018, the Community Services Department is processing 15 events that require differing levels of road use in 2018. Of those 15 events, the 6 events listed in the above recommendations involve road closures. Each event drives increased community involvement and increases the regional profile. Application to Grey County is also required for all temporary road closures of specified Grey County Roads.

1. The Blue Mountains Road Race and Time Trial is being purposed for a third year. This event was well attended in the previous two years 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 the Tomahawk Recreation Complex instead of the Beaver Valley Community Centre and Blue Mountain Resort.
2. The Town, Thornbury BIA and the Blue Mountains Public Library will be partnering for pre Canada Day activities to be hosted on June 30, 2018 at the Beaver Valley Community Centre. Activities will include the Public Library Parking Lot Party followed by a fire works display. On Canada Day, July 1, 2018, the seventh annual parade is proposed to run 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.
3. The Thornbury BIA has proposed the continuation of the sixth annual Summer Street Dance (originally named the Country Hoedown). The activities have been limited to music, food vendors and country themed decorations on Bruce Street South from Louisa Street to Highway 26.
4. The Beaver Valley Fall Fair has taken place 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 evening 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. For the sixth 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 closure of Victoria Street South from Alfred Street West to Alice Street West to allow safe start and finish line control. All other road use will be controlled via Police Lead and Tail vehicles.
6. Olde Fashioned Christmas has been organized on Bruce Street South for over 20 years. This annual event 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**

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

## **E. The Blue Mountains Strategic Plan**

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- 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**

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These events will pose very little environmental impact.

## **G. Financial Impact**

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

## **H. In consultation with**

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Fire & Enforcement Services

Infrastructure and Public Works

Planning & Development Services

OPP

Grey County

Simcoe County

Clearview Township

Municipality of Grey Highlands

Municipality of Meaford

Town of Collingwood

## **I. Attached**

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None

Respectfully submitted,

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