



Regular Meeting Minutes
Municipality of Thames Centre
Thames Centre Special Events Committee

October 9, 2024, 12:00 P.M.
Municipal Office - Council Chambers
4305 Hamilton Road, Dorchester, ON

Members Present: M. Murray, Vice-Chair/Community Representative
D. Lockie, Council Representative
P. Wearne, Community Representative
K. Carter, Community Representative
S. Baker, Community Representative
N. Abra, Community Representative

Members Absent: C. Crockett, Chair/Council Representative
A. Marr, Community Representative
J. Kraft, Community Representative
M. Mundy, Community Representative

Staff Present: D. Brown, Staff Representative
S. MacDonald, Staff Representative
S. Henshaw, Deputy Clerk
A. Malchesky, Recording Secretary

1. Call To Order

The meeting was called the meeting to order at 12:09 p.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Resolution # TCSEC-041-2024

Moved by: D. Lockie

Seconded by: S. Baker

THAT the October 9, 2024 Regular Meeting Agenda of the Thames Centre Special Events Committee **BE APPROVED** as circulated.

Carried.

3. Disclosure Of Pecuniary Interest

No pecuniary interests were disclosed.

4. Previous Minutes

Resolution # TCSEC-042-2024

Moved by: D. Lockie

Seconded by: S. Baker

THAT the minutes of the Thames Centre Special Events Committee meeting held on September 25, 2024, **BE RECEIVED** as presented.

Carried.

5. Presentations/Delegations

No items.

6. Reports of Staff

No items.

7. Committee Business

7.1 Festival of Lights (Verbal Report)

D. Brown, Parks and Facilities Manager, informed the Committee that multiple local schools have agreed to perform with their choir at the Festival of Lights event.

The Committee discussed what the Festival of Lights event looked like last year and further discussed potential improvements and ideas to the 2024 event.

D. Brown, Parks and Facilities Manager informed the Committee that staff purchased additional Christmas lights last year during a sale, so more trees can be lit for the 2024 event.

8. Correspondence

No items.

9. Unfinished Business

No items.

10. New Business

Community Representative, N. Abra inquired about having the Thames Centre Special Events Committee's budget to include an event in Thorndale for Family Day in 2025. Staff advised that a local group has already organized a potential Family Day event for 2025 in Thorndale.

Community Representative, K. Carter inquired about Thames Centre hosting a "Monster Walk" for young kids to go trick or treating to local businesses similar to what Belmont offers the Saturday before Halloween.

Resolution # TCSEC-043-2024

Moved by: S. Baker

Seconded by: K. Carter

THAT Member K. Carter reaches out to local businesses to gauge interest on a free Trick or Treating tour for kids, to be held on Saturday, October 26, 2024 in Dorchester;

AND THAT no funding would be required to be provided by the Thames Centre Special Events Committee.

Carried.

11. Scheduling of Meetings

The next meeting is scheduled to be held Wednesday, November 13, 2024, at 12:00 p.m.

12. Adjournment

There being no further business to discuss it was:

Resolution # TCSEC- TCSEC-044-2024

Moved by: D. Lockie

Seconded by: K. Carter

RESOLVED THAT the meeting adjourn at 12:34 p.m.

Carried.