



MUNICIPALITY OF THAMES CENTRE

REPORT NO. CS-001-24

TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Director of Community Services and Facilities
MEETING DATE: February 12, 2024
SUBJECT: Volunteer Appreciation Event

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report No. CS-001-24 be received for information;

AND THAT Council host the Annual Volunteer Appreciation Event by offering a drop-in breakfast, to be served by Council from 7:30am to 9:00am, on Monday April 15, 2024, in the auditorium at the Thorndale Lions Community Centre.

PURPOSE:

This report provides Council with information regarding the annual recognition of volunteers within the Municipality of Thames Centre.

BACKGROUND:

This year National Volunteer Appreciation Week is April 14th to 20th. This will mark the 15th year that Thames Centre will host a volunteer appreciation event.

COMMENTS:

The Municipality of Thames Centre has a vibrant community volunteer sector, with approximately 100 to 150 volunteers from community groups generally attending this event each year.

The Volunteer Appreciation Drop-In Breakfast is a special tribute to community groups and volunteers, featuring a hot breakfast buffet, coffee, tea and juice, to be hosted by Council during National Volunteer Week.

Letters of invitation will be sent to prominent community groups to encourage attendance by their volunteers to this event in their honour. Posters will be circulated, and advertisements will be placed in the local paper and on social media, thanking volunteers and inviting them to this event.

Other dates during National Volunteer Appreciation Week where the kitchen and auditorium are available at the Thorndale Lions C.C. are Tuesday April 16 and Friday April 19, however at least some of the staff that help to organize and run the event are not available on these two dates.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

Funds have been allocated in the 2024 budget to cover this event.

STRATEGIC PLAN LINK

Pillar: *Community Communications & Engagement*

Goal: *Increase communications between the municipality (Council and Staff) and the public*

CONSULTATION:

None.

REFERENCES:

None.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

Prepared by: S. MacDonald, Director of Community Services & Facilities

Reviewed by: D. Barrick, Chief Administrative Officer