

# **TOWNSHIP OF NORTH HURON**

**REPORT** 

Item No.

REPORT TO: Reeve Vincent and Members of Council

PREPARED BY: Pat Newson, Director of Recreation and Facilities

DATE: 19/06/2017

SUBJECT: Blyth 140<sup>th</sup> Event July 28-30, 2017.

ATTACHMENTS: Letter from Committee

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby supports the efforts of the Blyth 140<sup>th</sup> Committee in planning their community celebration and waives the following fees: tent permit, Blyth Arena Dry Pad (if required), and the Hawkers and Peddlers Permit fee.

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes an exemption to Noise Control By-law 20-2009, extending the Noise By-law from 11:00pm – 1:00am on night of Saturday July 29, 2017.

AND FURTHER THAT Council understands that the bar is no longer being operated by Cowbell Brewing Co, and rescinds Motion M279-17 from the June 5, 2017 Regular Council meeting:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby supports Blyth Cowbell Brewing Co. in making application to the LCBO for a Special Occasion Permit to hold a beer garden at the Blyth Lion's Park Pavilion in conjunction with the Blyth  $140^{th}$  Celebrations to be held on July  $28^{th}$ , 2017.

AND FURTHER THAT Council proclaims the event of Municipal Significance.

#### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**

The Blyth 140<sup>th</sup> Committee has been working out the details of their event. They have provided staff an outline of their event. The purpose of this report is to update Council, and request items they seek for Council's approval.

### **DISCUSSION**

The Blyth 140<sup>th</sup> Celebration is taking place on July 28-30, 2017. At their July 11<sup>th</sup> meeting, the Blyth 140<sup>th</sup> Committee finalized their event plan and have requests for Council's consideration. The Blyth 140<sup>th</sup> Committee is a subcommittee of the Blyth BIA, and operates as a Committee of Council under that umbrella. The event is intended to be a celebration, and attached is a letter from Committee Chair Crystal Taylor. Most of the expenses for the event are being donated such as the tent, and they are hoping to keep attendance at the event as a "by donation" admission, in hopes to welcome the entire community.

For this reason, they have made requests to have fees that would normally be charged by the Township of North Huron waived. This is a variance from the North Huron Donation and Fee Waiving Policy, however time does not permit for a Terms of Reference to be in place for this event. It is a onetime community celebration and a significant milestone in the history of the Village of Blyth. Staff recommend that it should be considered by Council as an exception to the policy.

The events will be hosted under a tent at the Blyth Lion's Park. The committee is requesting the following:

Tent Permit Fees	The cost of the tent is being donated by Cowbell Brewing Co. for the event. The committee is requesting that all permit fees associated with the tent be waived. The permit fee is \$120.00. The tent Fire Inspection Fee is \$88.20.
Blyth Arena Dry Pad	The plan is to host a family movie night on Friday Night at the park. If weather does not permit an outdoor movie, the committee would like to move the movie inside to the Blyth & District Community Centre Dry Pad. If the space is required, they would like the rental fee on the dry pad waived. The fee would be \$470.29 plus HST.  A condition of this use would be that the committee would be required to notify the Township by noon on Friday July 28 if they do plan to use the arena, so that the facility can be open and staffed.
Hawkers and Peddlers Permit Fee	In order to comply with alcohol service requirement, the committee has invited one food truck to the site. The committee is requesting that the Hawkers and Peddler's License fee of \$200 be waived.
Use of garbage	The committee has requested use of Township waste receptacles
receptacles and waste	for their event. This is a no charge item for community events.
disposal	They have also requested that their garbage be dumped in the Blyth & District Community Centre dumpster. Staff do not anticipate this to increase the monthly bin expense at the facility.

#### **Event Venue Change**

The committee had originally intended to host the Friday Night Movie at the Blyth Arena Parking Lot, and the Saturday Night Dinner and Dance at the Blyth Arena Hall. The committee has changed their plans to move the event to an outdoor event at Blyth Lions Park:

The committee is requesting a noise by-law extension for their outdoor event until 1:00am on the night of Saturday July 29.

At the June 5, 2017 meeting the following motion regarding the Blyth 140<sup>th</sup> event was adopted by Council:

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AND FURTHER THAT Council proclaims the event of Municipal Significance.

Cowbell Brewing Co is no longer operating the Bar, so this motion is no longer required and the recommendation is to rescind the motion. The Blyth Lions or the Blyth Legion will be operating the bar for this event. That detail is still to be finalized.

## Municipal in-Kind Support

Staff will track North Huron time and materials and post to the Economic Development budget, for Council's tracking purposes.

## **FINANCIAL IMPACT**

The total estimated value of the requested fees to be waived is: \$408.20 (without Arena floor), \$878.49 (with Arena floor)

### **FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS**

Staff will continue to work with the committee to ensure the event is operated under the Township of North Huron procedures. The event is taking place off municipal property, however this is a Committee of Council, so the Township liability insurance policy is covering this event.

Staff have discussed the need to review the Township policy on Hawkers and Peddlers license requirement for municipally hosted events. Council can expect a report and recommendation on this in the near future. Until that time, it is recommended that the fee be waived for this event.

### **RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN**

Our residents are engaged and well informed. Our community is healthy and safe.

Pat Newson, Director of Recreation and

Facilities.

Sharon Chambers, CAO