



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: 20/11/2017
SUBJECT: Blyth 140th Year End Event
ATTACHMENTS: Event Proposal, Rental Contract

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Huron hereby supports the proposal submitted by the Blyth 140th Committee in planning their community “Year End Blast” celebration, and waives the following fees: Blyth Meeting Room space rental, and Blyth Open Space rental for their event to be held on Sunday December 31, 2017 between 1:00pm-6:00pm in Blyth.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Blyth 140th Committee was formed to celebrate the 140th Anniversary of the Village of Blyth. This is a subcommittee of the Blyth BIA. They are hosting a free Wrap Up event on December 31, 2017 on the grounds of the Blyth Community Centre. Terms of Reference were not created for this committee at the time it was formed, so requests for fee waiving come to Council for consideration.

DISCUSSION

The Blyth 140th Committee was formed to celebrate the 140th anniversary of the Village of Blyth. This is a subcommittee of the Blyth BIA. Their goal was to support 140 events throughout the year, and to host some of their own free public events. They kicked off their celebration on January 1, 2017 with an outdoor event at the Blyth Community Centre, they hosted an event July 28-30th, and they plan to complete their celebration with a wrap up event on December 31, 2017.

On December 31, 2017 they are holding an outdoor event on the grounds at the Blyth Community Centre. Attached is a copy of their yearend proposal along with motions from the Blyth BIA meeting in support of the event. The event will include kids’ games, snowshoeing, music, fireworks, dog sled demonstrations and also promote the free Public Skate held at the Blyth Community Centre every Sunday. Recreation and Facilities Department staff are working with the committee to ensure all insurance and regulations around fireworks are complied with, as this committee is covered under the Township of North Huron insurance, as a subcommittee of the Blyth BIA.

The committee requires that the Blyth Community Centre be open for washrooms, and to utilize the meeting room and lobby to support their event. The cost to rent these spaces is \$136.28 plus tax. The Blyth 140th committee has requested these fees be waived to host this free public event for Blyth to celebrate the 140th Anniversary of the Village.

This committee is celebrating a significant milestone for the Village of Blyth. These volunteers are working to host free events in the community to recognize the 140th Anniversary. The recommendation to support waiving these fees would have been included in a Terms of Reference at the time the committee was struck. During the year Council has waived the rental fees for the kick off and summer event.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The rental fees are \$136.28 plus tax.

FUTURE CONSIDERATIONS

This is the committee's wrap up event and the committee will be dissolving after their event on December 31, 2017.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Our residents are engaged and well informed.



Pat Newson, Director of Recreation and
Facilities



Dwayne Evans, CAO