



# Staff Report

## Community Services

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**Report To:** COW\_Finance\_Admin\_Fire\_Community\_Services  
**Meeting Date:** April 8, 2024  
**Report Number:** CSOPS.24.027  
**Title:** Special Events 2024 and Request for By-Law Relief  
**Prepared by:** Katie Love, Administrative Assistant, Community Services

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### A. Recommendations

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THAT Council receive Staff Report CSOPS.24.027, entitled “Special Events 2024 Update and Request for By-Law Relief”;

AND THAT Council grant relief to the noise by-law for the dates and times identified in table “A”;

AND THAT Council approve the road closures identified in table “B”.

### B. Overview

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This report outlines the upcoming 2024 Special Events taking place within the Town of The Blue Mountains that require Council approval for temporary road closures and or relief from the Town’s Noise By-law. Additional requests will come forward when the applications or additional details are received by staff.

### C. Background

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The Community Services Department facilitates the Town’s Special Event Permit process. The following events require Council approval for road closures and/or exemptions to the Noise By-law being proposed through the application process:

1. Farmer’s Market

The Thornbury Farmer’s Market takes place at Smith Memorial Park and provides fresh produce, meat, cheese, natural products, etc. The market has an agreement with the Town and is inspected by the Grey Bruce Health Unit.

2. Music in the Park

Music in the Park takes place at Bayview Park and plays live music for residents and visitors on Sunday evenings in the Summer.

3. IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's

Walk for Alzheimer's takes place at Bayview Park. This is a social event with no minimum distance to walk and no winner declared. An annual opportunity to bring awareness into the community.

4. RCL District E Drumhead Service

Royal Canadian Legion will be performing a Drumhead Service revealing two new monuments honoring the Canadian Armed Forces and First Responders including Coast Guards at the Jack Acres Park.

5. Blue Mountains Gravel racing format event returns for a second consecutive year and will once again serve as the sole Canadian qualifier for the UCI (Union Cycliste Internationale) Gravel World Championships. Start and Finish will be located at Osler Bluff Ski Club.

6. South Georgian Bay Parkinson's Festival Day

South Georgian Bay Parkinson's Festival Day brings like-minded people from South Georgian Bay region together who are interested in sharing stories, learning, and meeting new people connected to the Parkinson's community.

7. Clarksburg Kid's Fest

Clarksburg Kids Fest takes place at Lion's Park and is hosted by the Clarksburg Village Association. There will be children's activities, arts, crafts, vendors, dancing, and demonstrations.

8. Canada Day Parade and Bruce St. Events

The Canada Day Parade will begin in Clarksburg and end in Thornbury with a variety of parade participants including classic cars, children, Fire trucks, circus performers, local service clubs and music.

9. Arts Walk

This one-day event will include Galleries, businesses, restaurants, the L.E. Shore Library, parks/parkettes, and homes between the Downtown Thornbury and the Downtown Clarksburg districts. Artists of various media will be invited to set up at these participating locations and encourage the public to take the 2.2km walk between the Bob Gamble Parkette at The Georgian Trail and Bruce St N in Thornbury and the Marsh St at Clark intersection in Clarksburg.

10. Beaver Valley Fall Fair

The Beaver Valley Fall Fair is hosted by the Beaver Valley Agricultural Society at the Beaver Valley Community Centre and Moreau Park. This event celebrates agriculture in the community and is a fundraiser for the Agriculture Society.

11. Rotary Turkey Trot (Half Marathon)

This event is hosted by the Thornbury Clarksburg Rotary Club and incorporates a free 1km fun run for children and for those with limited physical capacity. There are also 5km, 10km and 21km runs that are more competitive and require an entry fee.

12. Remembrance Day Services

These events take place at Jack Acres Park (new cenotaph at the corner of Bruce St and Marsh St.) and Ravenna Community Park. Each service includes representation from the Clarksburg Legion.

13. Olde Fashioned Christmas

This event takes place on Bruce St. and is hosted by the Thornbury Business Improvement Area. Elements include face painting, visits with Santa, music, hot chocolate, dancing, etc.

**D. Analysis**

TABLE A: Requests for Relief from the Noise By-Law. Where music or announcements are identified, it will be amplified.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location(s)</u>	<u>Type of Noise</u>
Sundays, May 19 ending October 13	10am – 2pm	Farmer’s Market	Smith Memorial Park	Music and People
Sundays July 7 – August 18	6pm – 8pm	Music in the Park	Bayview Park	People and Live Music

Saturday May 25	8am – 12:00pm	IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer’s	Bayview Park	Music and People
Sunday June 2	1:30pm – 3:00pm	RCL District E Drumhead Service	Jack Acres Park	Bagpipes, trumpets and announcements
Saturday June 15	8:30am – 3:30pm	Blue Mountains Gravel	Osler Bluffs Ski Hill will be the Start and Finish (route takes place on Town of The Blue Mountains roadways).	Music, Announcements and People
Saturday June 22	10am – 2pm	South Georgian Bay Parkinson’s Festival Day	Bayview Park	Music and People
Saturday June 22	11am – 3pm	Clarksburg Kid’s Fest	Lion’s Park	Music and People
Saturday July 1	10am – 2pm	Canada Day Parade and Bruce St. Events	Marsh St. to Bruce St. stopping on Bruce St.	Live Music, bagpipes, people, vehicles
Saturday July 6	10am – 4pm	Arts Walk	Bruce St. N to Marsh St.	Music and People
September 6 & 7	9am – 10pm	Beaver Valley Fall Fair	Beaver Valley Community Centre and Moreau Park	Live Music, People and Announcements
Saturday October 12	8am – Noon	Rotary Turkey Trot (half marathon)	Beaver Valley Community Centre	Music, People and Announcements
Monday November 11	10:30am – 2pm	Remembrance Day	Jack Acres Park and Ravenna Park	Bagpipes and Announcements
Saturday December 7	3pm – 9pm	Olde Fashioned Christmas	Bruce St. North and South	Live Music and People

TABLE B: Requests for Road Closures

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>	<u>DETAILS</u>
Sunday June 2	1:30pm – 3:30pm	Royal Canadian Legion District E Drumhead Service	Jack Acres Park	Drumhead Service to cross Marsh Street from St. Paul’s Presbyterian Church to Jack Acres Park. Traffic control provided by OPP.
Saturday June 22	10am – 4pm	Clarksburg Kid’s Fest	Lion’s Park Lane (Clark St. to Lion’s Park including the parking lot)	Closure of Lion’s Park Lane and the parking lot to allow for safe use of the area during the event without vehicle traffic.
Monday July 1	10am – 3pm	Canada Day Parade	Marsh St. and Bruce St. (Clark St. to Arthur St. W / Hwy 26)	This temporary road closure follows the parade from Marsh St. to Bruce St. and stops on Bruce St. until 2pm and will maintain the closure between Louisa St. and Arthur St. (Hwy 26)
Saturday October 12	7:30am – 2pm	Rotary Turkey Trot (Half Marathon)	Victoria St. South from Alfred St. to Alice St.	This section is closed for the start and finish of the event. Access is maintained for residents and Water division operations during the temporary closure.

## **E. Strategic Priorities**

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### **1. Communication and Engagement**

We will enhance communications and engagement between Town Staff, Town residents and stakeholders.

### **2. Organizational Excellence**

We will continually seek out ways to improve the internal organization of Town Staff and the management of Town assets.

### **3. Community**

We will protect and enhance the community feel and the character of the Town, while ensuring the responsible use of resources and restoration of nature.

### **4. Quality of Life**

We will foster a high quality of life for full-time and part-time residents of all ages and stages, while welcoming visitors.

## **F. Environmental Impacts**

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Each applicant is notified of the Town's Climate Emergency declaration.

## **G. Financial Impacts**

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The events identified in the tables are either Municipal, not-for-profit, charitable and or create economic development opportunities for businesses within The Blue Mountains.

## **H. In Consultation With**

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Each of the events that have impact on roads include consultation with the OPP, Fire Department, Grey County Paramedics, Town Operations Department. If food is being served the Grey Bruce Public Health Unit is consulted and if alcohol is served the Alcohol Gaming Commission of Ontario is consulted.

Bylaw relief requests are circulated to properties within 120 metres of the road closure or source of noise.

At the time of writing this report, no concerns have been raised.

## **I. Public Engagement**

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The topic of this Staff Report has not been the subject of a Public Meeting and/or a Public Information Centre as neither a Public Meeting nor a Public Information Centre are required. However, any comments regarding this report should be submitted to Ryan Gibbons, Director Community Services [directorcs@thebluemountains.ca](mailto:directorcs@thebluemountains.ca).

## **J. Attached**

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None

Respectfully submitted,

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This report and all of its attachments were approved and signed as outlined below:

**Ryan Gibbons - Mar 28, 2024 - 10:53 AM**