



Staff Report

Community Services

Report To: COW- Admin, Corp and Finance, SI, Comm. Services
Meeting Date: May 26, 2025
Report Number: CS.25.018
Title: Special Events 2025 and Request for By-Law Relief
Prepared by: Katie Love, Administrative Assistant Community Services

A. Recommendations

THAT Council receive Staff Report CS.25.018, entitled “Special Events 2025 and Request for By-Law Relief”;

AND THAT Council grant conditional 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

This report outlines the upcoming 2025 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

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. 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.

3. 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.

4. 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.

5. 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.

6. Kings Fest

Food & Beverage Festival & Slo-Pitch Tournament hosted by the Georgian Bay Applekings. This event will take place at Moreau Park and will include live music. Funds raised will go to Georgian Shores Minor Hockey as well as the Georgian Bay Applekings.

7. Touch of Taryn

Charity Baseball tournament located at Moreau Park. Includes live entertainment and announcements. All funds raised go back into the community.

8. Night Parade

Event hosted by the Thornbury Yacht Club located at the Thornbury Harbour. The Thornbury Yacht Club Members will light their boats in the harbour and will have the lights on from 8pm – 9pm. There will be live entertainment during this event.

9. Clarksburg Century of Classics

Car show located at Lion's Park in Clarksburg hosted by the Clarksburg Village Associated. This event raises funds for the Clarksburg Village Association and the Marsh Street Centre.

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 Beaver Valley Agricultural 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/Girl Guides – Candlelight Remembrance Service

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 Town Hall Park. This event is hosted by the Thornbury Business Improvement Area. Elements include face painting, visits with Santa, music, hot chocolate, dancing, tree lighting, and vendor market.

D. Analysis

Staff recommend granting conditional relief to the Noise By-Law, contingent upon absence of negative feedback from noise relief circulations to the public.

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

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location(s)</u>	<u>Type of Noise</u>
Sundays, May 18 ending October 12	10am -2pm	Farmer's Market	Smith Memorial Park	Music and People
Saturday, May 24	8am –12pm	IG Wealth Management Walk for Alzheimer's	Bayview Park	Music and People
Sunday, June 22	10am – 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 12	11am – 4pm	Arts Walk	Bruce St. N to Marsh St.	Music and People
Friday – Sunday August 8, 9 & 10	12pm – 8pm	Kings Fest Food & Beverage Festival & Slo-Pitch Tournament	Moreau Park	Live Music, People and Announcements
Saturday, August 23	9am – 7pm	Touch of Taryn Charity Slo-Pitch Tournament	Moreau Park	Live Music, People and Announcements
Sunday, August 24	7pm – 9pm	Night Parade	Thornbury Harbour	Live Music, People and Announcements
September, 5 & 6	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

Wednesday, November 5	7pm – 8pm	Girl Guides – Candlelight Remembrance Service	Jack Acres Park	Bagpipes and Announcements
Monday, November 11	10:30am – 2pm	Remembrance Day	Jack Acres Park and Ravenna Park	Bagpipes and Announcements
Saturday, December 13	3pm – 9pm	Olde Fashioned Christmas	Bruce St. North and South & Town Hall Park	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 22	10am – 3pm	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, August 23	8am – 3pm	Clarksburg Century of Classics	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.
Saturday, September 6	9am – 5pm	Beaver Valley Fall Fair	Victoria St. South from Alfred St. to Alice St.	This section is closed due to high levels of foot traffic from BVCC and Moreau Park.
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.
Tuesday November 11	10:30am - 12pm	Remembrance Day	Duncan St. E – between Russell St E & Bruce St. S.	This section is closed for the Remembrance Day Ceremony in Thornbury at Jack Acres Park.

Saturday, December 13	3pm – 9pm	Olde Fashioned Christmas	Bruce Street North (between HWY 26 and King Street West).	Additional road closure request was approved last year to expand the event. Bruce Street South between Louisa St. W & HWY 26 is approved by Grey County (Grey Road 13).
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E. Strategic Priorities

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

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

G. Financial Impacts

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

Each of the events that have an impact on roads include consultation with the OPP, Fire Department, Grey County Paramedics and the 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

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 of Community Services directorcs@thebluemountains.ca.

J. Attached

1. None

Respectfully submitted,

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

Ryan Gibbons - May 16, 2025 - 10:24 AM