



Community Services *Staff Report*

REPORT NO: CS-2024-08

TO: Council

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DATE: May 6, 2024

SUBJECT: Baden Firefighters Association Request for Event to be Deemed Municipally Significant

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Report CS-2024-08 be received for information.

THAT Council designate the Baden Firefighters Association Hose Monkey Ball Tournament and Concert held at Sir Adam Beck Park on June 21 and 22, 2024 a Municipally Significant Event.

SUMMARY:

This report outlines a request to Council for the Baden Firefighters Association Hose Monkey Ball Tournament and Concert be deemed a Municipally Significant Event, in order to obtain a Special Occasion Permit (SOP) from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).

An event of municipal significance requires a designation by the municipality in which the event will take place. Special Occasion Permit applications for a municipally significant public event must be accompanied by either a municipal resolution or a letter from a delegated municipal official designating the event as municipally significant.

BACKGROUND:

To host a licensed event that is open to the public, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) requires that the event be designated “of significance and/or to raise funds for charitable purposes and objects that benefit the public-at-large”. As such, Special Occasion Permits for public events are only issued to:

- Registered charities
- Non-profit organizations whose object is to promote charitable, educational, religious or community objects
- Events of municipal, provincial, national or international significance
- Tailgate events are public events that are held in connection with, and in proximity to, a live sporting event and where attendees may bring their own liquor (BYOB) for consumption at the event

REPORT:

The Baden Firefighters Association has been hosting the annual Hose Monkey tournament since 2007. A new requirement for this year’s event by the AGCO is that the event be deemed as municipally significant in order to receive a Special Occasion Permit. In compliance with requirements to obtain a Special Occasion Permit, the event organizers have already informed the following of their intentions:

- Public Health
- Waterloo Regional Police
- Wilmot Fire
- EMS
- Chief Building Official

In addition, a Friends and Neighbours letter has been circulated to notify the area residents of the event.

The event organizers have hired security for the entire duration of the event for crowd control and any other issues that may arise. Additionally, they are offering to pay for transportation home for anyone who may require it.

The statistics described in Attachment 2 indicate the reasons why staff recommend that this event be designated by Council as a Municipally Significant Event.

ALIGNMENT WITH THE TOWNSHIP OF WILMOT STRATEGIC PLAN:

Quality of Life: The Quality of Life goal and strategy of Accessibility and Inclusivity are intended to ensure all members of the community have fair and equal access to community events. This also addresses the strategy of Health and Wellbeing by providing leisure opportunities for all residents.

Community Engagement: The Community Engagement goal includes strategies for Belonging, Community Events and Support for Community Groups.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There are no financial considerations related to deeming an event Municipally Significant.

ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment 1 – Baden Firefighters Township of Wilmot Letter 2024

Attachment 2 – BFFA Statistics