



Staff Report

Report Title: Drifters Car Club Request for Event Space

Prepared By: Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Department: Community Services

Date: May. 15, 2023

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File Number: C11 CSE 23

Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number CS-2023-05-33 prepared by Mike Fair, Director of Community Services;

AND FURTHER THAT Council authorizes the Drifters Car Club event on Township property during the Friday evenings of the long weekends for July, August, and September 2023, as outlined in the report, pending the organizer meeting requirements set out by Township Staff through the special event permit process if required.

Background:

The Drifters Cruise nights normally held on main street downtown Kincardine on Friday evenings of the long weekends have been cancelled due to the reconstruction of their downtown infrastructure. Staff met with the club representative Murray Kraemer.

The Drifters car club has requested to host the event at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre parking lot and overflow of cars to be parked on the grass area west of the parking lot. The club anticipates anywhere from two hundred and up to four hundred cars during the Friday evening of the long weekends in July, August, and September.

The individual car owners carry their own personal insurance. The drifters car club organization does not carry any insurance policy for event purposes.

The Club representatives request that the Ripley-Huron Community Centre be available for washrooms at minimum. Ideally another group may be interested in renting the social room for meals. Huron-Kinloss tourism suggested that the local Legion, and restaurant along with any other businesses may be interested in the event.

Discussion:

The Arena Parking Lot, and grass area west of the Ripley-Huron Community Centre could accommodate the anticipated number of vehicles. The club representatives have a traffic plan with volunteers directing cars from downtown Ripley to Arena parking lot and parking volunteers on site as well. The municipal office parking lot would remain vacant for public parking, while remaining vehicles would be street parking only. The event starts at 5:00 pm and ends at 9:00 pm. No road closures or noise exemption permits are required.

Staff contacted the municipal insurance representatives for an opinion and there were no concerns regarding the event.

Tourism staff are awaiting approval before proceeding with any marketing support. There may be opportunity for local businesses or service clubs to benefit from an influx of people for three Friday evenings this summer.

The Ripley-Huron Community Centre does not have a rental rate for the parking lot. The purpose of the report is to keep council informed and understanding the implications of hosting the drifters Car club in Huron-Kinloss.

Staff recommends that the event be permitted as presented.

Financial Impacts:

The potential impact for the Ripley-Huron Community Centre is an estimated six or seven staff hours to make washrooms available for use.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are a vibrant community that values our uniqueness and creativity.

By creating places where people want to be

By celebrating what makes us unique

By preserving and protecting our history and heritage

By supporting and growing the arts and creativity

Respectfully Submitted By:

Mike Fair, Director of Community Services

Report Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer