

TOWN OF LAKESHORE
RECREATION AND LEISURE SERVICES
COMMUNITY AND DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

TO: Mayor and Members of Council
FROM: Carri-Belle Murphy, Manager Recreation and Leisure Services
DATE: January 6, 2015
SUBJECT: Canada Day Family Event – four year plan- Site selection

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that:

The Canada Day Family Event continue to function on a rotating basis in the following locations:

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| 2016 | Stoney Point Community Park
Hosted by the francophone community and local volunteer groups. |
| 2017 | Atlas Tube Centre
Hosted by the local volunteer groups |
| 2018 | New Millen Community Centre and Library
Hosted by the local volunteer groups |
| 2019 | Lakeview Park
Hosted by the local volunteer groups. |

BACKGROUND:

In December of 2003, Council, by way of a resolution, selected the various park locations to hold the annual Canada Day Family Event on a rotating basis. These parks include the Comber Park, Stoney Point Community Park, Millen Centre and Lakeview Park.

It is recommended that Comber be eliminated from the rotation as Comber already hosts at least two major events such as the Comber Fair and a Victoria Day celebration.

The Canada Day Family Event has been celebrated in all of the parks selected on a rotation schedule with the last approved location being Lakeview Park which is to be hosted July 1st, 2015.

The Lakeshore communities have grown to expect an event in their respective wards

The addition of the Atlas Tube Centre Facility will provide an opportunity to host an event with the added amenities that are not available in any other municipal facility or park most especially when the pool is officially open for use.

COMMENTS:

By having the various local volunteer groups host the Canada Day Family Event within their community, the groups themselves are instrumental in selecting the activities that best suit their community. All service organizations within Lakeshore are encouraged to partner with their neighboring communities on a yearly basis.

OTHERS CONSULTED:

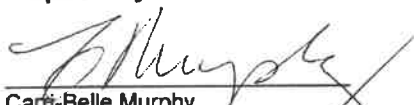
The Director of Community and Development Services, Recreation and events Coordinator and the Canada Day planning committee.

BUDGET IMPACTS:

The base budget of \$12,500 is the recommended expense for the annual event included in the 2015 budget.

The Town also qualifies for subsidy through the Canadian Heritage Celebrate Canada Funding Program submitted yearly in the month of January which is approximately \$3000.00.

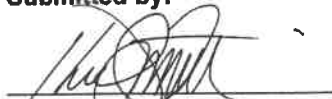
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Members of Council expressed concern with having the annual fire works display held consistently at one park indicating that moving the fire works around on a rotating basis helps to keep Lakeshore together and recognizes each community and their different groups of volunteers in a special way. Council consensus was that the 2004 event be scheduled at Lakeview Park as a kick-off and to show case the new improvements.

Director of Parks & Recreation Lawson requested that if Council decides to conduct the event on a rotating basis that only those parks which meet the fire works safety standards should be considered.

Councillor Morris suggested that the Comber Fairgrounds Park should be listed as one of the locations. Chief Spry indicated that the regulations require spectators to be a certain distance away from the fire works and the criteria may be able to fit the Comber area. The soccer field park on Renaud Line is to be looked at for possible inclusion to the list.

Councillor Vogler questioned the associated cost with the fire works display and suggested that area service clubs should be approached to help defray the costs to the municipality. Director of Parks & Recreation Lawson advised that there is involvement from the public sector by way of financial donations and volunteers.

It was identified that the report should read the "Millen Community Centre" as opposed to the "Memorial Park" in Woodslee.

FALLON/JANISSE

That the Canada Day 2004 Celebration be held at Lakeview Park and that the future fireworks displays be held on a rotating basis between Comber, Tilbury North, Millen Centre and Lakeview Parks. Carried