



Essex Fun Fest Committee Meeting Minutes

April 21, 2021, 6:30 AM

Location: Electronic Meeting

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Present: Councillor Joe Garon, Chair
Councillor Kim Verbeek, Vice Chair
Richard Tapping
Ron McDermott

Also Present: Doug Sweet, Director, Community Services/Deputy CAO
Shelley Brown, Deputy Clerk

Regrets: Kelly McIntyre
Katie McGuire-Blais
Kyle Flood
Mike Janisse
Ryan Harnadek
Heather Escobar
Tanya Fryer
Jake Morassut, Recording Secretary

1. Call to Order

The Chair called the meeting to order at 6:37 PM

2. Additions to the Agenda

There were no additions to the agenda.

3. Adoption of Published Agenda

3.1 Essex Fun Fest Committee Meeting Agenda for April 26, 2021

FF21-04-001

Moved by Ron McDermott

Seconded by Councillor Kim Verbeek

That the published agenda for the April 26, 2021 Essex Fun Fest Committee Meeting be adopted as presented.

Carried

4. Declarations of Conflict of Interest

4.1 There were no declarations of conflict of interest noted at this time.

5. Adoption of Minutes

- 5.1 Essex Fun Fest Committee Meeting Minutes for April 22, 2020

FF21-04 -002

Moved by Richard Tapping

Seconded by Ron McDermott

That the minutes of the Essex Fun Fest Committee Meeting held April 22, 2020 be adopted as circulated.

Carried

6. Report from Director of Community Services, Doug Sweet regarding COVID-19's effect on Festivals

- 6.1 Doug Sweet, Director, Community Services/Deputy CAO advised that many other local festivals have been cancelled due to the COVID-19 restrictions. Mr. Sweet further advised that he received an email from Festival Events Ontario stating that most organizations have cancelled their events in 2021. Mr. Sweet stated that when provincial order is over it is likely that this area will be restricted in terms of gathering sizes.

7. Views and Opinions from the Fun Fest Chair, Councillor Joe Garon

- 7.1 Councillor Garon stated that the Festival is only 10 weeks away and that there is a lot of uncertainty with the current stay-at-home order issued by the Province. Councillor Garon advised that the amusement company is a large expense of the Festival budget and will need to be notified as soon as possible if the event is cancelled.

8. Decision Regarding the 2021 Festival

FF21-04 -003

Moved by Councillor Joe Garon

Seconded by Kim Verbeek

That, due to the ongoing Provincial restrictions, Council cancel the 2021 Fun Fest.

Carried

9. Question and Answer Period from the Committee Members

There were no questions from members in attendance.

10. Next Meeting Date

- 10.1 There is no meeting scheduled at this time. If a meeting is required prior to January 2021, the Chair of the Committee will put forth a request.

11. Adjournment

FF21-04-04

Moved by Richard Tapping

Seconded by Ron McDermott

That the meeting be adjourned at 6:45 PM.

Carried

Councillor Joe Garon, Chair

Jake Morassut, Recording Secretary