

Municipality Of Chatham-Kent

Corporate Services

Information Report

To: Mayor and Members of Council

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Subject: 2018 International Plowing Match & Rural Expo (IPM)—Update # 5:
Preparation for the Great Experience

This report is for the information of Council.

Background

On July 16, 2018 the fourth report with respect to the IPM 2018 was presented to Council. Included in that report was a status update on the operational progress of the municipal portion of the project and an update on the showcase tent.

This project represents the next scheduled update.

Comments

As previously reported, the Municipality of Chatham-Kent (Municipality) agreed to loan \$100,000 to the IPM Local Committee to be refunded at the conclusion of the event. Given the success to date of the pre-event planning, the IPM Local Committee only borrowed \$60,000 of the \$100,000 and has already refunded it as of the writing of this report.

The municipal portion of the IPM & Rural Expo 2018 event is progressing on schedule.

The **Public Utilities Commission (PUC)** has been moving forward with preparations for the IPM Event as follows:

- Meeting held on July 26, 2018 between local volunteer IPM Water Committee, CK Public Health Unit and CK PUC to discuss final preparations of installation of water system.
- Ongoing discussions taking place between PUC lead Darren Galbraith and Ontario Emergency Response Team (OERT) on disinfection plan for water system.
- Directional drilling of new waterline feed on Maple Line scheduled for the first part of August as well as a water connection from Paincourt Line.

- Pre-ordering supplies and equipment such as backflow preventers, pressure reducing valves, meters, chlorine for disinfection, portable tanks and pumps, extra sample bottles and test kits.
- Compliance is preparing the local laboratories for any additional testing and preparing procedures.
- Compiling work volunteers from PUC staff for the waterline installation and 24 hour operation of the water system for ten days. Initially it was to be seven days but has now expanded to ten days.

The Local IPM Committee has advised that Hydro One is showing a one week delay for the installation of the hydro system, creating a corresponding one week delay for the installation of hydro. A request has been made to Hydro One to change their installation plan to complete one site first before proceeding to the next site. This would allow PUC to start installations following Hydro One's work. Approval of this request is pending.

Request to IPM Local Committee for approval of side by side vehicles is still pending. Staff training will be needed on these units once approved.

Infrastructure and Engineering Services (IES) operations are proceeding on schedule. There are still some details regarding traffic, transit, and shuttling to be determined.

There are no updates from The **Chatham-Kent Police Services (CKPS)** and **Community Human Services (CHS)** at this time.

The **Showcase Tent** team has been actively working on The Chatham-Kent Experience Package which includes gifts that patrons of the event will have an opportunity to win. The list of experience gifts obtained and pending to date are as follows:

- 12 one night stays at our local hotels: Travel Lodge, Comfort Inn, Holiday Inn and Retro Suites
- 3 pairs of passes for all three of our local Underground Railway sites (with bonus extras)
- 3 dining experiences from: Casabella's on the Thames; Chilled Cork; and T-Bones
- 6 dining experiences from Rossini's
- 1 Music conductor tutorial by Vaughn Pugh, followed by guest conducting a selection of music with the Chatham Concert Band (2019) and a picnic for 2
- 1 scenic tour by aircraft of Erieau and a picnic lunch
- 1 South Kent Turbine guided tour with picnic lunch (waiting on confirmation)
- Assorted Chatham-Kent Museum passes (waiting on confirmation)
- Assorted Capitol Theatre passes (waiting on confirmation)

The Showcase Tent team will continue to work with local businesses to keep adding to The Chatham-Kent Experience Package.

In addition, the Showcase Tent team has recruited 51 employee ambassadors to assist at the event. Involving employees as ambassadors creates the opportunity for them to share their community knowledge and enthusiasm with patrons. It also lends itself as a

teambuilding experience bringing employees from different departments together to collaborate on a common goal, the success of the IPM Event.

Consultation

Various members of the Executive Management Team.

The Showcase Tent Team.

Financial Implications

The budget approved for the municipal portion of the IPM is currently in line with the forecast.

The Municipality has now received the refund payment of \$60,000 loaned to the IPM Local Committee.

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