

Municipality Of Chatham-Kent

Community Development

Municipal Governance

Information Report

To: Mayor and Members of Council
From: Judy Smith, Director, Municipal Governance/Clerk
Date: August 31, 2018
Subject: Municipally Significant Event – 2018 International Plowing Match

This report is for the information of Council.

Background

A Special Occasion Permit (SOP) is required any time that alcohol is offered for sale or served anywhere other than in a licensed establishment or a private place, per the regulations of the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).

A Public Event SOP can be issued:

- To a registered charity under the Income Tax Act (Canada)
- To a non-profit organization or association organized to promote charitable, educational, religious or community objectives
- For an event of provincial, national or international significance; or
- For an event designated by a municipal council as an event of Municipal Significance

A permit holder that is not a registered charity of a non-profit organization or association may hold a Public Event if the event is:

- An event of provincial, national or international significance; or
- Designated by municipal council as an event of municipal significance.

Note: A municipal resolution must be included with the Special Occasion Permit application.

Comments

The Municipality of Chatham-Kent was chosen to host the 2018 International Plowing Match and Rural Expo (IPM). The International Plowing Match is an event organized by

the Ontario Plowmen’s Association (OPA), a non-profit corporation and the volunteer Chatham-Kent Local Committee. The IPM will be located near the village of Pain Court, due west of Chatham. For a five-day period in September 2018.

In order for the International Plowing Match to make a Special Occasion Permit to sell alcohol, the event must be designated as “municipally significant”. As Council has previously indicated their support for this event and due to time restrictions, the Clerk’s Office issued the letter of municipal significance for the International Plowing Match on August 31, 2018.

Consultation

No other departments were consulted.

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications resulting from this report.

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