

A G E N D A
THE FIFTH MEETING OF THE SPECIAL EVENTS COMMITTEE

MICROSOFT TEAMS

3:30 P.M.

JUNE 3, 2026

DISCLOSURES OF INTEREST

MINUTES

Confirmation of the minutes of the meeting held on May 6, 2026.

PETITIONS AND COMMUNICATIONS

Alma College Square Charity Walk - September 12, 2026 - Pages 2-7

Downtown Oktoberfest - September 19, 2026 – Pages 8-15

Orange Shirt Day - September 30, 2026 – Pages 16-20

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Upcoming Events

St. Anne's Community Festival - June 3-6, 2026
Jordan's Run the Runway - June 5, 2026
Hike for Hospice - June 6, 2026
31 CER Change of Command Parade - June 6, 2026
First Annual Trunk Sale - June 7, 2026
Corpus Christi Eucharistic Procession - June 7, 2026
CCHC Client Appreciation BBQs - June 10, July 15 and August 19, 2026
EarlyON Children's Festival - June 17, 2026
St. Thomas Chamber Community Block Party - June 19, 2026
Optimist Father's Day Car Show - June 21, 2026
Old Courthouse Street Party - June 27, 2026
Restoring What Was Lost - June 27, 2026
Canada Day Celebrations - July 1, 2026
Meet Us In The Park - July 4, 2026
Seniors Picnic in the Park - July 8, 2026
Nostalgia Nights - July 11, 2026
Pawsitively Elgin Dog Festival - July 18, 2026
National Ice Cream Day - July 21, 2026
Elgin County Pride and Parade - July 25, 2026
Outdoor Art Experience - July 28-29, Aug 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, 2026
2026 Puppy Parade - August 8, 2026
Railway City Music and Arts Festival - August 13-16, 2026
Terry Fox Run - September 20, 2026
Knox Church Kirkin 'O' the Tartan Parade - September 20, 2026
Pump It Up for Platelets - September 26, 2026
Railway City Road Races - September 27, 2026
Pumpkin Prowl - October 23, 2026
Light Up Talbot - November 13, 2026
Santa Claus Parade - November 21, 2026

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

SECTION 1: EVENT AND ORGANIZER INFORMATION

Event Name: Alma College Square Charity Walk

Date(s): Sept 12

Start Time: 10 End Time: 2

Cleanup Start Time: 1 Cleanup End Time: 2

Location(s): Dance Pavillion

Organizing Group: Alma College Square Apartments

Contact Name #1: Patty Tsonis #2: Brittani Gallien

Street Address: 98 Moore St

Town/City: St Thomas Province: Ont Postal Code: N5R 3V2

Phone Number #1: 416.562.5616 #2: 519.872.7368

Email Address: patty@lgmanagementcorp.com

Expected Attendance: 200 Number of Event Personnel/Volunteers: 8-10

Location and number of washrooms in place: ?

Location and Number of Parking Spaces: 0

Number of Accessible Washrooms: 0 Number of Accessible Parking Spots: 0

Please describe your specific event. Attach additional sheets as necessary. _____

It is a walk for Charity - We are trying to raise money for a local St Thomas Charity and we are inviting the participants that we will walk from Alma College Square to Pinafore Park

SECTION 2: FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Will food/beverage of any kind be available at this event? Yes ☒ No ☐

If Yes, you must notify Southwestern Public Health at 519-631-9900 at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

SECTION 3: PERSONAL SERVICES

Will there be personal services of any kind offered to the public at this event? Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes, you must notify Southwestern Public Health at 519-631-9900 at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

Personal services include but are not limited to barbering, manicures, pedicures, esthetics, tattooing and piercing.

SECTION 4: TENTS AND TEMPORARY STRUCTURES

Will there be an indoor or tent covered area used for public assembly as part of the event?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If Yes, please specify the number and size of tents. _____

If the tents are larger than 60m² cumulatively, a building permit is required through Planning & Building Services. Please attach a copy of the Permit and provide the Permit Number: _____

Will there be a temporary stage, lighting or sound structure installed as part of the event?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If utilizing a temporary stage structure, a resource document for event organizers can be found on the Special Event Permits page on the City of St. Thomas website.

Smoking and vaping is generally prohibited on City property under the terms of By-Law 95-2019 being a by-law to establish smoke free municipal places in the City of St. Thomas. Please note that Indoor or Tent covered areas for public assembly must also comply with Smoke Free Ontario Act requirements enforced by Southwestern Public Health.

Please note that there is a **no staking policy** in all of the City's Parks, Recreation and Property Management facilities.

SECTION 5: SERVING OF ALCOHOL

Will alcohol be consumed at the event?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If Yes, you must review and meet the requirements of the City's Alcohol Policy available through the Parks, Rec and Property Management Department for Special Events taking place on municipal property.

You must also comply with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO). Event organizers are responsible to notify and provide any pertinent information required under the AGCO guidelines for obtaining a Special Occasion Permit. You must adhere to the Liquor Licence Act and its Regulations and ensure access is given to the Police and AGCO Inspectors for the purposes of inspections.

The area where alcohol is being served has to have a 36" (0.9m) high barrier/partition. Please note that there is a **no staking policy** in all of the City's Parks, Recreation and Property Management facilities.

SECTION 6: MUNICIPALLY SIGNIFICANT EVENT - (Pertains to Events Where Alcohol is Served)

Will you be requesting that City Council declare your event a "Municipally Significant Event"?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If Yes and you wish to apply for a "Special Occasion Permit," through the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), you must obtain a letter of approval from City Council, declaring your event "municipally significant", by submitting a separate letter to the City Clerk's Department. Please note that such approval may take several weeks.

SECTION 7: MUSIC / NOISE

Will there be a concert or musical entertainment as part of the event?

Yes ☐No ☒

If Yes, please note that the use of sound reproduction devices is authorized between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. so long as City staff are satisfied that said devices are being "used in a reasonable manner" and not intolerably high. It is the responsibility of the organizers to obtain any applicable musical licensing through SOCAN for events not taking place in a City facility.

Please note that if utilizing a temporary stage structure, regulations are found under the Occupational Health and Safety Act and enforced by the Ministry of Labour. A resource document for event organizers can be found on the Special Event Permits page on the City of St. Thomas website.

SECTION 8: ANIMALS

Will there be a Petting Zoo or Animals at the event?

Yes ☐No ☒

If Yes, Southwestern Public Health must be notified of the event details two weeks prior. If the animals are not permitted in the Animal Control By-Law 71-2011 as amended, an Application for Temporary Exemption to the By-Law must be approved by City Council and can be found on the City Animal Services page of the City website. Please attach a copy of the application to this permit application and submit payment. Please note that such approval may take several weeks.

SECTION 9: ROAD CLOSURES / TRAFFIC FLOW CHANGES

Are you anticipating any road closures or traffic flow changes?

Yes ☐No ☒

If Yes, please contact the Roads and Transportation Department at (519) 631-1680 ext. 5130.

If Yes, please describe the road closure requirement and attach a map or sketch showing the closure. A Right of Way Occupancy Permit and City Council approval is required for all road closures. Please note that there is a fee for the permit and approval may take several weeks. _____

Please attach a copy of the Right of Way Occupancy Permit and provide the permit #: _____

If the event is a Parade / Run / Walk / Pass through Sporting Event, please refer to the city roads map located under the Special Events page on the City website. Describe the event and attach a map or sketch.

Do you require traffic control?

Yes ☐No ☒

If Yes, please contact the St. Thomas Police Services at (519) 631-1224 ext. 4276.

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SECTION 10: MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

For events taking place in Pinafore Park, organizers will need to arrange an onsite meeting with Parks, Rec and Property Management staff once the Special Events Permit Application has been approved. Please note: If your special event expected attendance is 300 or more you must have at least one volunteer direct traffic into the overflow parking lot.

Have you contacted Parks and Recreation staff about your event? Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐

Have you rented a pavilion/facility and signed a permit? Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐
If yes, please provide the location of the rental and attach a copy of the permit. _____

Do you require picnic tables or garbage cans? Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐
If Yes, how many are you requesting? # of Picnic Tables: ___8-10___ # of Garbage Cans: _____
If Yes, please provide pick-up/return date and time. _____

Please note availability is at the discretion of the Parks, Rec and Property Management Department and that delivery/pick up is the responsibility of the event organizer. All picnic tables and garbage bins must be returned no later than 48 hours after your event. All applicants requesting picnic tables and garbage bins must obtain an equipment rental permit from the Parks, Recreation and Property Management Department prior to your event.

Have you made arrangements with Environmental Services staff for recycling containers and collection? Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Will you require municipal support for: Water Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒
Hydro Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

Please note that all equipment and extension cords must be in good condition and approved by an accredited certification body under the Ontario Electrical Safety Code or have been inspected by the Electrical Safety Authority. If required, please attach the Electrical Safety Authority documentation and provide the Permit Number: _____

SECTION 11: ACCESSIBILITY

As an event organizer, it is your responsibility to ensure that your organization is in compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). Organizations with at least one employee have requirements to meet for accessibility. Please note that directional signage needs to be prominently displayed throughout the event venue to indicate the barrier-free path of travel and location of accessible washrooms and parking. Although not required, the Special Events Committee recommends submitting a site plan to the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee for larger events for their review.

SECTION 12: OTHER SERVICES/RESOURCES

Security: Has a privately licensed security firm been contacted/retained? Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes, what company and how many security officers will be present? _____

First Aid: For events with an anticipated attendance of more than 200 people, First Aid services are required to be retained. Have you confirmed First Aid services? Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒

If Yes, please attach documentation providing proof that First Aid services have been retained.

Ambulance: Has Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance Service) been contacted regarding your event and planned emergency access to the site? Yes ☒ No ☐

Fireworks: Will there be fireworks as part of your event?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If Yes, a permit for exhibition fireworks must be submitted to the Fire Department.

Culturally Inclusive Events: Have you reviewed the "Planning Events that are Culturally Inclusive Guidebook" available at: <https://stelip.ca/resources/planning-events-that-are-culturally-inclusive-a-guidebook/>

Yes ☐

No ☒

SECTION 13: SIGNATURE

That the information contained in this application and any documentation, including reports, and drawings, provided in support of the application, by myself, my agents, consultants and solicitors, constitutes public information and will become part of the public record. As such, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.56, I hereby consent to the City of St. Thomas making this application and its supporting documentation available to the general public, including copying and disclosing the application and its supporting documentation to any third parties upon their request.

Patty Tsonis

(Signature of Individual Completing this Application)

5-14-2026

(Date completed)

Office Use Only: Application Received: _____ Committee Approval: _____

SECTION 14: INSURANCE

A Certificate of Insurance is required providing proof of \$5,000,000 in insurance coverage, including the naming of the City of St. Thomas as an Additional Insured under the corresponding policies. **A copy of the required insurance MUST be submitted a minimum of two weeks prior to the start of the event.** The Special Events Committee reserves the right to impose additional requirements and increased insurance coverage for large community events.

The provision of the completed and signed Statement of Indemnification below is also required.

Please note that an approved event may be cancelled should insurance coverage not be provided and may be altered or cancelled as a result of an emergency situation.

STATEMENT OF INDEMNIFICATION

Alma College Square Charity Walk organized by Alma College Square Apartments
 (Event Name) (Organizing Group)

shall indemnify and save harmless The Corporation of the City of St. Thomas and all persons for whom it is at law responsible from any and all liabilities, damages, costs, claims, suits or actions arising out of:

any damage to property including loss of use thereof, and any injury to any person or persons, including death resulting at any time there from, occasioned by any act or omissions of

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its officers, agents, servants, employees, contractors, customers, invitees or licensees, or occurring in or on the premises or any part thereof arising from or occasioned by any cause whatsoever, except where such damage or injury is due to the act, default or negligence of The Corporation of the City of St. Thomas, its officers, agents, servants, employees, contractors, customers, invitees or licensees.

Witness: 
 Name (Print): Brittani Gallien

Signed: 
 Name (Print): Michael Loewith
 Address: 686 St Clair Ave W
 Telephone: 416.857.2697
 Date: May 14, 2026
 Event Name: Alma College Square Charity Walk
 Organizing Group: Alma College Square Apartments
 Event Dates: September 12, 2026

SECTION 1: EVENT AND ORGANIZER INFORMATION

Event Name: Downtown Oktoberfest

Date(s): Saturday September 19, 2026

Start Time: 2:00pm End Time: 10:00pm

Cleanup Start Time: 10:00pm Cleanup End Time: 11:00pm

Location(s): Talbot St. & Ross (Ross closed from Talbot to North of Centre St. Talbot Closed from Ross to Horton St.)

Organizing Group: DDB/EDC

Contact Name #1: Sarah Lynch #2: Sean Dyke

Street Address: 545 Talbot St.

Town/City: St. Thomas Province: ON Postal Code: N5L3V7

Phone Number #1: 226-374-6956 #2: 519-319-9604

Email Address: slynch@stthomas.ca

Expected Attendance: 5000 Number of Event Personnel/Volunteers: 25+

Location and number of washrooms in place: 13 portable units throughout footprint

Location and Number of Parking Spaces: Municipal Lots

Number of Accessible Washrooms: 3 Number of Accessible Parking Spots: _____

Please describe your specific event. Attach additional sheets as necessary. 4th Annual Downtown
Oktoberfest (municipally significant event). A celebration of German traditions
with a focus on music, dance, food and drink. Family friendly.

SECTION 2: FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Will food/beverage of any kind be available at this event? Yes ☒ No ☐
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Will there be an indoor or tent covered area used for public assembly as part of the event?

Yes ☒

No ☐

If Yes, please specify the number and size of tents. 2 - 50 x 100 tent structures

If the tents are larger than 60m² cumulatively, a building permit is required through Planning & Building Services. Please attach a copy of the Permit and provide the Permit Number: Tent provider to secure permit

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Closure: Ross (north of Centre St. to Talbot St.). Talbot (Ross to Horton)

Event will be located on southeast corner of Talbot/Ross (private property in fenced area)

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Have you contacted Parks and Recreation staff about your event? Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

Have you rented a pavilion/facility and signed a permit? Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☒
If yes, please provide the location of the rental and attach a copy of the permit. _____

Do you require picnic tables or garbage cans? Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

If Yes, how many are you requesting? # of Picnic Tables: 65 # of Garbage Cans: 50

If Yes, please provide pick-up/return date and time. To be coordinated with Parks _____

Please note availability is at the discretion of the Parks, Rec and Property Management Department and that delivery/pick up is the responsibility of the event organizer. All picnic tables and garbage bins must be returned no later than 48 hours after your event. All applicants requesting picnic tables and garbage bins must obtain an equipment rental permit from the Parks, Recreation and Property Management Department prior to your event.

Have you made arrangements with Environmental Services staff for recycling containers and collection?

Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐

Will you require municipal support for:

Water

Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐

Hydro

Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

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Security: Has a privately licensed security firm been contacted/retained? Yes ☒ No ☐

If Yes, what company and how many security officers will be present? Signal Security of London - 4

First Aid: For events with an anticipated attendance of more than 200 people, First Aid services are required to be retained. Have you confirmed First Aid services? Yes ☒ No ☐ N/A ☐

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Ambulance: Has Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance Service) been contacted regarding your event and planned emergency access to the site? Yes ☒ No ☐

Fireworks: Will there be fireworks as part of your event?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If Yes, a permit for exhibition fireworks must be submitted to the Fire Department.

Culturally Inclusive Events: Have you reviewed the "Planning Events that are Culturally Inclusive Guidebook" available at: <https://stelip.ca/resources/planning-events-that-are-culturally-inclusive-a-guidebook/>

Yes ☒

No ☐

SECTION 13: SIGNATURE

That the information contained in this application and any documentation, including reports, and drawings, provided in support of the application, by myself, my agents, consultants and solicitors, constitutes public information and will become part of the public record. As such, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.56, I hereby consent to the City of St. Thomas making this application and its supporting documentation available to the general public, including copying and disclosing the application and its supporting documentation to any third parties upon their request.

Sarah Lynch

(Signature of Individual Completing this Application)

2026/02/27

(Date completed)

Office Use Only: Application Received: _____ Committee Approval: _____

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STATEMENT OF INDEMNIFICATION

Downtown Oktoberfest organized by **DDB/EDC**

 (Event Name) (Organizing Group)

shall indemnify and save harmless The Corporation of the City of St. Thomas and all persons for whom it is at law responsible from any and all liabilities, damages, costs, claims, suits or actions arising out of:

any damage to property including loss of use thereof, and any injury to any person or persons, including death resulting at any time there from, occasioned by any act or omissions of

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its officers, agents, servants, employees, contractors, customers, invitees or licensees, or occurring in or on the premises or any part thereof arising from or occasioned by any cause whatsoever, except where such damage or injury is due to the act, default or negligence of The Corporation of the City of St. Thomas, its officers, agents, servants, employees, contractors, customers, invitees or licensees.

Witness: _____

Name (Print): _____

Signed: _____

Name (Print):

Address:

Telephone:

Date:

Event Name:

Organizing Group:

Event Dates:

Sarah Lynch

Sarah Lynch

545 Talbot St.

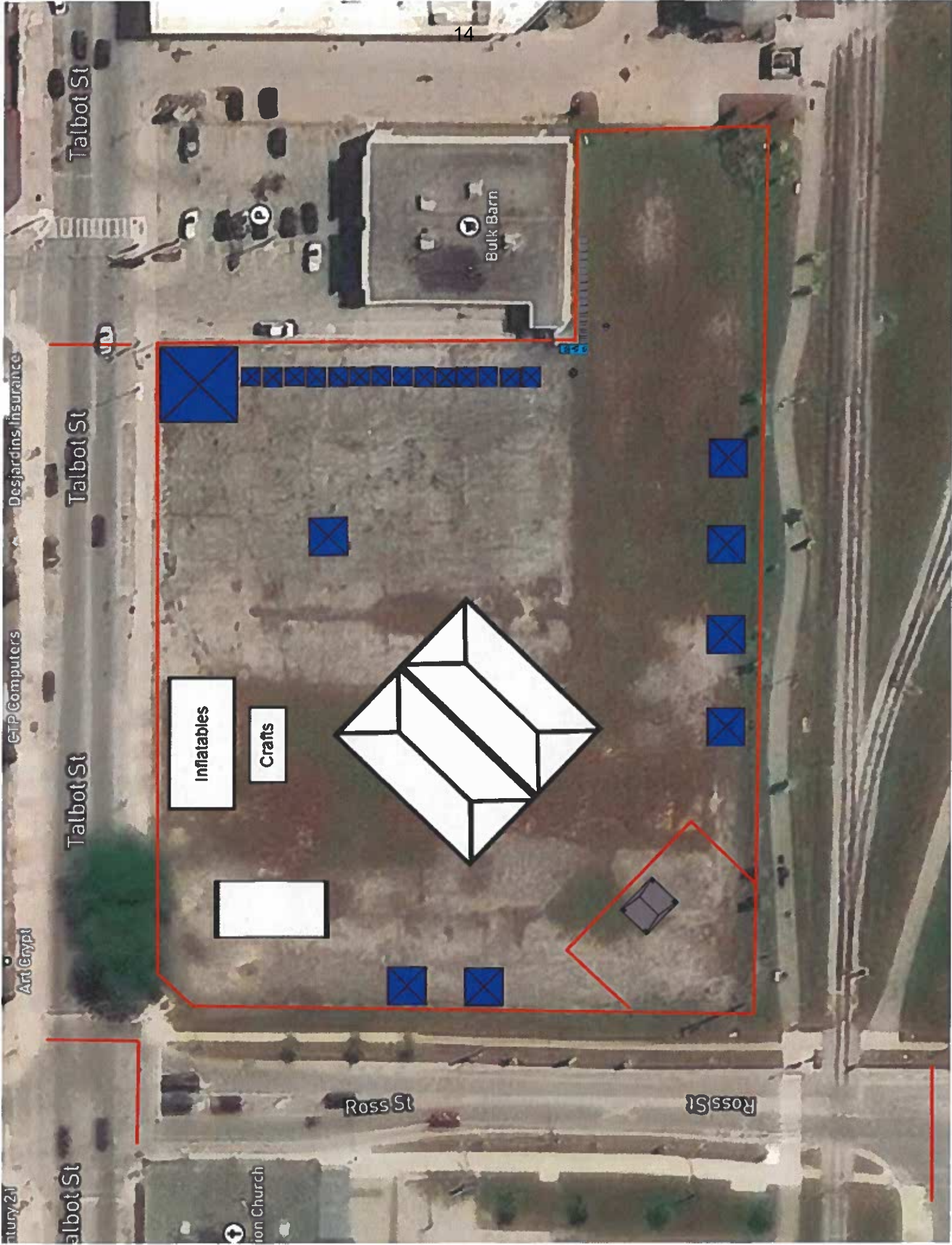
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2026/02/27

Downtown Oktoberfest

DDB/EDC

2026/09/19



Downtown Oktoberfest has experienced significant growth over the past four years, attracting visitors from across the region to experience Downtown St. Thomas and support our small business community. Due to increased attendance and the addition of a concert performance by Canadian musician Jim Cuddy (Blue Rodeo), the event has been relocated to a privately owned lot at the corner of Ross Street and Talbot Street to better manage crowd capacity and event safety.

Chief Roskamp and Chief Gregory have been consulted regarding the event location and are supporting coordinated safety measures throughout the event.

A street hockey tournament will begin at 1:00 p.m. on Talbot Street between Ross Street and Horton Street. We request barricades be placed in parking spaces along this stretch as early as possible to assist with event set-up and reduce unnecessary traffic. A full street closure (Ross St.- North of Centre St. to Talbot, Talbot St. – Ross to West of Horton St.) is requested beginning at 8:00 a.m. on September 19, 2026.

The main event and entertainment within the fenced event area will run from 2:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. AGCO licensing will fall under Railway City Brewing Company. Insurance will be provided by all participating vendors and entertainment providers, with the City named additionally insured where required.

SECTION 1: EVENT AND ORGANIZER INFORMATION

Event Name: Orange Shirt Day Flag Raising

Date(s): Sept 30, 2026

Start Time: 11am End Time: 1pm

Cleanup Start Time: ? Cleanup End Time: ?

Location(s): City Hall/Mondamin St/Library/Westlake Evans Park

Organizing Group: "We Are Here" St Thomas

Contact Name #1: Amanda Stark #2: Betty-Jean Phillips Budden

Street Address: 5 Malakoff St

Town/City: St Thomas Province: on Postal Code: N5P 1L5

Phone Number #1: 226-448-8938 #2: 519-777-6584

Email Address: stark.amanda@ymail.com or bettyjbudden@gmail.com

Expected Attendance: 1-200 Number of Event Personnel/Volunteers: 12

Location and number of washrooms in place: several (library, city hall)

Location and Number of Parking Spaces: _____

Number of Accessible Washrooms: _____ Number of Accessible Parking Spots: _____

Please describe your specific event. Attach additional sheets as necessary. Flag Raising ceremony with speeches and drummer/dancer/singers on a platform stage with food served in library.

SECTION 2: FOOD AND BEVERAGE

Will food/beverage of any kind be available at this event? Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes, you must notify Southwestern Public Health at 519-631-9900 at least 2 weeks prior to the event.

SECTION 3: PERSONAL SERVICES

Will there be personal services of any kind offered to the public at this event? Yes ☐ No ☒

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SECTION 4: TENTS AND TEMPORARY STRUCTURES

Will there be an indoor or tent covered area used for public assembly as part of the event?

Yes ☒

No ☐

If Yes, please specify the number and size of tents. Library

If the tents are larger than 60m² cumulatively, a building permit is required through Planning & Building Services. Please attach a copy of the Permit and provide the Permit Number: _____

Will there be a temporary stage, lighting or sound structure installed as part of the event?

Yes ☒

No ☐

If utilizing a temporary stage structure, a resource document for event organizers can be found on the Special Event Permits page on the City of St. Thomas website.

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Please note that there is a **no staking policy** in all of the City's Parks, Recreation and Property Management facilities.

SECTION 5: SERVING OF ALCOHOL

Will alcohol be consumed at the event?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If Yes, you must review and meet the requirements of the City's Alcohol Policy available through the Parks, Rec and Property Management Department for Special Events taking place on municipal property.

You must also comply with the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO). Event organizers are responsible to notify and provide any pertinent information required under the AGCO guidelines for obtaining a Special Occasion Permit. You must adhere to the Liquor Licence Act and its Regulations and ensure access is given to the Police and AGCO Inspectors for the purposes of inspections.

The area where alcohol is being served has to have a 36" (0.9m) high barrier/partition. Please note that there is a **no staking policy** in all of the City's Parks, Recreation and Property Management facilities.

SECTION 6: MUNICIPALLY SIGNIFICANT EVENT - (Pertains to Events Where Alcohol is Served)

Will you be requesting that City Council declare your event a "Municipally Significant Event"?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If Yes and you wish to apply for a "Special Occasion Permit," through the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), you must obtain a letter of approval from City Council, declaring your event "municipally significant", by submitting a separate letter to the City Clerk's Department. Please note that such approval may take several weeks.

SECTION 7: MUSIC / NOISE

Will there be a concert or musical entertainment as part of the event?

Yes ☒

No ☐

If Yes, please note that the use of sound reproduction devices is authorized between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 11:00 p.m. so long as City staff are satisfied that said devices are being "used in a reasonable manner" and not intolerably high. It is the responsibility of the organizers to obtain any applicable musical licensing through SOCAN for events not taking place in a City facility.

Please note that if utilizing a temporary stage structure, regulations are found under the Occupational Health and Safety Act and enforced by the Ministry of Labour. A resource document for event organizers can be found on the Special Event Permits page on the City of St. Thomas website.

SECTION 8: ANIMALS

Will there be a Petting Zoo or Animals at the event?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If Yes, Southwestern Public Health must be notified of the event details two weeks prior. If the animals are not permitted in the Animal Control By-Law 71-2011 as amended, an Application for Temporary Exemption to the By-Law must be approved by City Council and can be found on the City Animal Services page of the City website. Please attach a copy of the application to this permit application and submit payment. Please note that such approval may take several weeks.

SECTION 9: ROAD CLOSURES / TRAFFIC FLOW CHANGES

Are you anticipating any road closures or traffic flow changes?

Yes ☒

No ☐

If Yes, please contact the Roads and Transportation Department at (519) 631-1680 ext. 5130.

If Yes, please describe the road closure requirement and attach a map or sketch showing the closure. A Right of Way Occupancy Permit and City Council approval is required for all road closures. Please note that there is a fee for the permit and approval may take several weeks. Early closure preferred to prevent street parking.

**Talbot St from White St to Princess Ave (closing Mondamin)
as well as Curtis from Mondamin to St Catherines**

Please attach a copy of the Right of Way Occupancy Permit and provide the permit #: _____

If the event is a Parade / Run / Walk / Pass through Sporting Event, please refer to the city roads map located under the Special Events page on the City website. Describe the event and attach a map or sketch.

Do you require traffic control?

Yes ☐

No ☒

If Yes, please contact the St. Thomas Police Services at (519) 631-1224 ext. 4276.

PLEASE NOTE: Marshalls, volunteers and special event staff are not allowed to direct traffic. Only the police can direct traffic pursuant to the Highway Traffic Act.

SECTION 10: MUNICIPAL FACILITIES

For events taking place in Pinafore Park, organizers will need to arrange an onsite meeting with Parks, Rec and Property Management staff once the Special Events Permit Application has been approved. Please note: If your special event expected attendance is 300 or more you must have at least one volunteer direct traffic into the overflow parking lot.

Have you contacted Parks and Recreation staff about your event? Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

Have you rented a pavilion/facility and signed a permit? Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐
If yes, please provide the location of the rental and attach a copy of the permit. _____

Do you require picnic tables or garbage cans? Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐
If Yes, how many are you requesting? # of Picnic Tables: _____ # of Garbage Cans: _____
If Yes, please provide pick-up/return date and time. _____

Please note availability is at the discretion of the Parks, Rec and Property Management Department and that delivery/pick up is the responsibility of the event organizer. All picnic tables and garbage bins must be returned no later than 48 hours after your event. All applicants requesting picnic tables and garbage bins must obtain an equipment rental permit from the Parks, Recreation and Property Management Department prior to your event.

Have you made arrangements with Environmental Services staff for recycling containers and collection? Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

Will you require municipal support for: Water Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐
Hydro Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A ☐

Please note that all equipment and extension cords must be in good condition and approved by an accredited certification body under the Ontario Electrical Safety Code or have been inspected by the Electrical Safety Authority. If required, please attach the Electrical Safety Authority documentation and provide the Permit Number: _____

SECTION 11: ACCESSIBILITY

As an event organizer, it is your responsibility to ensure that your organization is in compliance with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA). Organizations with at least one employee have requirements to meet for accessibility. Please note that directional signage needs to be prominently displayed throughout the event venue to indicate the barrier-free path of travel and location of accessible washrooms and parking. Although not required, the Special Events Committee recommends submitting a site plan to the Municipal Accessibility Advisory Committee for larger events for their review.

SECTION 12: OTHER SERVICES/RESOURCES

Security: Has a privately licensed security firm been contacted/retained? Yes ☐ No ☒

If Yes, what company and how many security officers will be present? _____

First Aid: For events with an anticipated attendance of more than 200 people, First Aid services are required to be retained. Have you confirmed First Aid services? Yes ☐ No ☒ N/A ☐

If Yes, please attach documentation providing proof that First Aid services have been retained.

Ambulance: Has Emergency Medical Services (Ambulance Service) been contacted regarding your event and planned emergency access to the site? Yes ☐ No ☒

Fireworks: Will there be fireworks as part of your event?

Yes ☐ No ☒

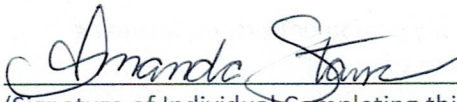
If Yes, a permit for exhibition fireworks must be submitted to the Fire Department.

Culturally Inclusive Events: Have you reviewed the "Planning Events that are Culturally Inclusive Guidebook" available at: <https://stelip.ca/resources/planning-events-that-are-culturally-inclusive-a-guidebook/>

Yes ☒ No ☐

SECTION 13: SIGNATURE

That the information contained in this application and any documentation, including reports, and drawings, provided in support of the application, by myself, my agents, consultants and solicitors, constitutes public information and will become part of the public record. As such, and in accordance with the provisions of the *Municipal Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c.M.56, I hereby consent to the City of St. Thomas making this application and its supporting documentation available to the general public, including copying and disclosing the application and its supporting documentation to any third parties upon their request.



(Signature of Individual Completing this Application)

May 11, 2024

(Date completed)

Office Use Only: Application Received: _____ Committee Approval: _____