

Report to Committee of the Whole

Date: 6/9/2025
From: Julia McCaugherty-Jansman, Clerk
Re: Canada Day 2025

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the Committee of the Whole receive for information the report regarding the schedule of events and budget for the 2025 Canada Day in Merrickville-Wolford.

BACKGROUND

At the January 27th, 2025 Regular Council Meeting, the Terms of Reference for the Canada Day Committee were approved.

One application submission was received and the appointment of Paul Broadbent to the 2025 Canada Day Committee was made at the Regular Council Meeting on May 26th.

One of the provisions in the Terms of Reference is as follows:

The Committee shall submit an information report to Council outlining the planning process that has been undertaken and the planned events for the upcoming Canada Day. The report shall be brought to Council 4-6 weeks prior to Canada Day each year.

Due to a lack of applications for Committee membership, staff are providing this report to Committee of the Whole in preparation of the upcoming Canada Day events.

ANALYSIS

The schedule of events for the festivities in Merrickville is attached as Schedule "A" to this report as the Canada Day 2025 poster.

The following table outlines confirmed activities:

Event	Comments
Parade Muster at Hilltop Manor at 10am and starts at 11am	Everyone is welcome to join in on the parade! No requirement to register or confirm beforehand. Confirmed participants so far: <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Shriners- RCMP- 1st Merrickville Scout Group- Swords and Ploughshares- Kim Weedmark- Lions Club

	- Moose FM This year's parade Marshall's are Chuck MacInnis and Councillor Stephen Ireland
Merrickville Choir	The Choir will be performing at the ceremony following the parade at Blockhouse Park
Lions Club BBQ	The Lions Club will be hosting and providing a BBQ starting at 12:00p.m. at Blockhouse Park
Desert Lake Band performing	12:15 p.m. – 2:00 p.m.
Southbound Band performing	2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m.

The Merrickville Agricultural Society is planning to host its festivities in Eastons Corners from 4:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to join and participate in the festivities at Centennial Hall.

BUDGET/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

All payments and fees to be paid for Canada Day are processed through the municipality's Finance Department.

All fees remained within the allotted \$7000 budget as approved by Council within the 2025 Budget.

The spreadsheet of the estimated associated costs for Canada Day are attached to this report as Schedule "B".

CONCLUSION

The Municipality welcomes all residents and visitors to partake in the 2025 Canada Day festivities in Merrickville-Wolford and looks forward to a great day of celebrations in the community, both in Merrickville and Eastons Corners.

Promotion of the festivities will be done on the Village's website and Facebook page leading up to July 1st.

ATTACHMENTS

Schedule A – Canada Day Poster 2025

Schedule B – 2025 Canada Day Estimated Budget

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Approved by:

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