



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF AMHERSTBURG

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Mission Statement: As stewards of the Town of Amherstburg, we strive to improve the quality of life of all residents through the delivery of effective, efficient, and affordable services.

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To: Mayor and Members of Town Council

Subject: 2026 Special Events Approval Part 2

1. **RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that:

1. The following events **BE APPROVED:**

- a. Music off the Back Porch
- b. Carousel of the Nations – Brazilian Village
- c. Is That All You've Got – Rick Meloche Memorial Bike Ride
- d. Ribs & Ragtime
- e. The Amherstburg Ribfest
- f. Canada Day
- g. Canada Day 5K
- h. Amherstburg Bike Fest

2. An exemption from table number 3-1(2) of Noise By-law #2001-43 with respect to the operation of any electronic device or group of connected devices incorporating one or more loudspeakers to allow for music **BE GRANTED** for the following events:

- a. Music off the Back Porch
- b. Carousel of the Nations – Brazilian Village
- c. Is That All You've Got – Rick Meloche Memorial Bike Ride
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3. The Special Events Resource Team **BE DIRECTED** to confirm that the requirements identified by the Team are met prior to the event.

2. **BACKGROUND:**

At their October 5, 2015 Special Meeting, Council approved the Public Events Policy. As per Council's direction, Section 7.3 of the policy states:

"7.3. Council has the authority and responsibility to:

7.3.1 Consider any exemptions to Municipal By-laws for Public Events.

7.3.2. Consider and approve any new events presented by the PEC.

7.3.3. Consider and approve all recurring events presented by the PEC."

Each Event Organizer is required to follow the Public Events Manual, fill out the required forms and submit to the Special Events Resource Team (SERT).

On March 19, 2026, the SERT met and reviewed applications submitted by the Event Organizers for the following events:

- a. Music off the Back Porch
- b. Carousel of the Nations – Brazilian Village
- c. Is That All You've Got – Rick Meloche Memorial Bike Ride
- d. Ribs & Ragtime
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The SERT reviewed the application in detail and has informed the Event Organizer of every requirement that must be met to allow their event to proceed. This includes ensuring the event conforms to all Town By-laws, Town insurance requirements and Provincial laws. As per Section 7.3 of the Public Event's Policy, the Event Organizers have also been informed that each event must be approved by Council before they may hold their event.

The Special Events Resource Team also amended the Event Emergency Response Plan in 2021 and all Event Organizers were made aware that this plan had to be submitted prior to approval and followed for any size event.

Noise Exemption

Noise By-law #2001-43 prohibits the operation of any electronic device or group of connected electronic devices incorporating one or more loudspeakers or other electro mechanical transducers, and intended for the production, reproduction or amplification of sound in residential, commercial and agricultural areas.

Notwithstanding anything contained in the Noise By-law, a person may apply to Council for an exemption from any of the provisions of the Noise By-law with respect to any source of sound or vibration. Council, by resolution, may grant the exemption applied for and can impose terms and conditions, as Council deems appropriate.

All events requiring a Noise By-law exemption that have been identified by the SERT have been listed below for Council’s approval:

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- b. Carousel of the Nations – Brazilian Village
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Road Closures

At the January 25, 2016 Council meeting, Council passed the following motions:

“That:

1. The use of the Downtown Core for Festivals and Events subject to the criteria established in the Town’s Festival and Events Policy BE APPROVED; and,
2. Road closures NOT BE PERMITTED prior to 5:00 pm without Council consent.”

- d. Ribs & Ragtime
- e. The Amherstburg Ribfest
- f. Canada Day
- g. Canada Day 5K

3. DISCUSSION:

Event	Music off the Back Porch
Event Organizer	Amherstburg Historic Sites Association
Event Date	April 10, through October 10 every second Friday
Event Time	10:00 AM – 7:00 PM
Event Location	214 Dalhousie - Park House Museum
Event Details	Family friendly event where invited artists will perform music
Noise By-law Exemption	Requested
Road Closure before 5 PM	N/A
Navy Yard Park By-law Exemption	N/A
Permit Fees	\$250 Security Deposit plus \$65 Noise Exemption Fee

Event	Carousel of the Nations – Brazilian Village
Event Organizer	The Pop Yard
Event Date	June 12 through June 14
Event Time	Fri 3pm–10pm, Sat 10am-10pm and Sun 10am-7pm
Event Location	Dalhousie Street within Open Air Footprint
Event Details	Family friendly activities involving Brazilian music, food and dances
Noise By-law Exemption	Requested
Road Closure before 5 PM	N/A already in place due to open air
Navy Yard Park By-law Exemption	N/A
Permit Fees	\$250 Security Deposit plus \$65 Noise Exemption Fee

Event	Is That All You've Got – Rick Meloche Memorial Bike Ride
Event Organizer	Rick Meloche Memorial Bike Ride
Event Date	June 13
Event Time	7:00 AM – 4:00 PM
Event Location	Libro Centre – 3295 Meloche Road
Event Details	Annual bike ride that serves as a fundraising event for local health organizations that treat illnesses
Noise By-law Exemption	Requested
Road Closure before 5 PM	N/A
Navy Yard Park By-law Exemption	N/A
Permit Fees	\$250 Security Deposit plus \$65 Noise Exemption Fee

Event	Rib & Ragtime (16th Annual)
Event Organizer	Amherstburg Freedom Museum
Event Date	June 13
Event Time	9:00 AM – 10:00 PM
Event Location	277 King Street
Event Details	All ages event with live jazz music, ribs and chicken
Noise By-law Exemption	Requested
Road Closure before 5 PM	Requested
Navy Yard Park By-law Exemption	N/A
Permit Fees	\$250 Security Deposit plus \$65 Noise Exemption Fee

Event	The Amherstburg Ribfest
Event Organizer	The Dan Gemus Real Estate Team Ltd.
Event Date	June 18 through June 21
Event Time	Thu 9am set up Fri 11am-10pm, Sat 11am-10pm Sun 11am-6pm then tear down til 11pm
Event Location	320 Richmond – Town sidewalks
Event Details	Family friendly – Select Ribbers compete while selling ribs, chicken and other foods to the public, live music performances each day
Noise By-law Exemption	Requested
Road Closure before 5 PM	Requested
Navy Yard Park By-law Exemption	N/A
Permit Fees	\$250 Security Deposit plus \$65 Noise Exemption Fee

Event	Canada Day
Event Organizer	Town of Amherstburg
Event Date	July 1
Event Time	7:00 AM – 11:00 PM
Event Location	Toddy Jones Park and Downtown Amherstburg
Event Details	Celebration with activities for all ages such as mighty machines, crafts, face painting, recreation, food trucks, vendors, various local performers and a night time fireworks finale.
Noise By-law Exemption	Requested
Road Closure before 5 PM	Requested
Navy Yard Park By-law Exemption	N/A
Permit Fees	N/A

Event	Canada Day 5K
Event Organizer	Canada Day 5K
Event Date	July 1
Event Time	6:00 AM – 11:30 AM
Event Location	From 100 Laird head south, west along Fort Malden Drive, south along Dalhousie, west on North Street, south along Dalhousie all the way to where Dalhousie meets Highway 18
Event Details	Family friendly 1K kids dash and a 5K run/walk/wheel event
Noise By-law Exemption	Requested
Road Closure before 5 PM	Requested
Navy Yard Park By-law Exemption	N/A
Permit Fees	\$250 Security Deposit plus \$65 Noise Exemption Fee

Event	Amherstburg Bike Fest
Event Organizer	Windsor Essex Bike Community (WEBC)
Event Date	Aug 14 through 16
Event Time	Fri 3pm-10pm, Sat 10am-10pm, Sun 10am-6pm
Event Location	Downtown within Open Air Footprint
Event Details	Family friendly event focusing on cycling demonstrations, bike safety education, and promoting active living
Noise By-law Exemption	Requested
Road Closure before 5 PM	N/A already in place due to open air
Navy Yard Park By-law Exemption	N/A
Permit Fees	\$250 Security Deposit plus \$65 Noise Exemption Fee

4. **RISK ANALYSIS:**

The Clerk identifies the Town’s insurance requirements and relays the information to each Event Organizer. Special events on Town property are not able to proceed until the Clerk is satisfied the insurance requirements are met.

It should be noted, that should these events not be approved, it might have the following detrimental effects on the community:

- Less awareness and exposure for the Town to attract visitors which could result in economic loss for the Town and its businesses;
- A lack of support from Council may discourage long standing volunteer associations from providing social and economic opportunities. This would result in a perception of non-worth for their volunteer efforts;
- Less exposure for the Town reducing its tourism market share;
- Less exposure for the Town reducing its ability to attract new residents;
- Less exposure for the Town reducing its value to potential investors;
- Tourism is a primary industry for the Town of Amherstburg, reducing events will directly impact employment opportunities;
- Event experiences are learning opportunities for our guests, which promote repeat visits, the deep history Amherstburg has to offer and showcases our local museums, attractions, and historical sites;
- Events financially support not-for-profit organizations, to ensure sustainability within our community.

5. **FINANCIAL MATTERS:**

Each event application received is to be submitted with the required \$250 deposit. The Event Organizers will be responsible to pay for equipment rentals, facility rentals and all other costs associated with their event as per the Town’s User Fee By-law, as amended. The cost to set up the rented equipment by Town staff is accommodated within the Town’s budget under the Parks budget centre. Any damages to Town equipment or property are recoverable from the Event Organizer.

6. CONSULTATIONS:

The SERT was consulted inclusive of Windsor Police- Amherstburg Detachment and Amherstburg Fire Department. The SERT reviewed the application and has corresponded with the Event Organizers on requirements that must be met and By-law exemptions that must be obtained in order to be granted a Special Event Permit for their event, pending Council approval of this report.

7. CORPORATE STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT:

Vision: Preserving our past while forging our future.

<i>Amherstburg Community Strategic Plan 2022 - 2026</i>	
<p style="text-align: center;">PILLAR 1 Deliver Trusted & Accountable Local Government</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Improve trust between council and staff, and residents, by strengthening governance and internal accountability structures. <input type="checkbox"/> Deliver transparent and efficient financial management. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase effective communication and engagement with residents. <input type="checkbox"/> Develop our staff team, resources, and workplace culture. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to deliver strong core municipal services. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure Amherstburg is an inclusive accessible and welcoming community committed to reconciliation. 	<p style="text-align: center;">PILLAR 3 Encourage Local Economic Prosperity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Encourage development of commercial and industrial lands. ✓ Continue to promote local tourism industry, especially overnight accommodation. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to facilitate downtown development for residents and visitors. <input type="checkbox"/> Continue to leverage partnership opportunities with other provincial, federal, and local governments, agencies, and organizations.
<p style="text-align: center;">PILLAR 2 Invest in Community Amenities and Infrastructure</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Maintain safe, reliable and accessible municipal infrastructure and facilities. <input type="checkbox"/> Increase access to recreation opportunities for all ages. <input type="checkbox"/> Finalize and execute plans for town-owned lands (e.g. Duffy’s site, Belle Vue) <input type="checkbox"/> Create public access to water and waterfront <input type="checkbox"/> Prioritize opportunities to reduce environmental impacts of Town operations and increase Town resilience to climate change. 	<p style="text-align: center;">PILLAR 4 Shape Growth Aligned with Local Identity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Define and communicate a vision for the Town’s future and identity. <input type="checkbox"/> Promote and plan for green and “climate change ready” development. <input type="checkbox"/> Review and implement policies that promote greater access to diverse housing. <input type="checkbox"/> Protect the Town’s historic sites and heritage. <input type="checkbox"/> Preserve the Town’s greenspaces, agricultural lands, and natural environment.

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8. CONCLUSION:

The SERT is confident that once all requirements are met by the Event Organizers, the events held in the Town of Amherstburg will enhance the community experience for both residents and visitors alike



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