

Report to Council

Report Title: Bruce Power 2020 Summer Block Party

Prepared By: Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer

Department: Administration

Date: November 12, 2019

Report Number: CAO2019-30 **File Number:** C11AD

Attachments: Letter from James Scongack

Recommendation:

That the Council of the Municipality of Brockton hereby receives Report Number CAO2019-30 - Bruce Power 2020 Summertime Block Party, prepared by Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, for information purposes and in doing so accepts the offer of Bruce Power to host the 2020 Summer Block Party in Walkerton on July 18, 2020; and further directs staff to work with Bruce Power staff on plans for the event.

Report:

Background:

At the meeting on October 29, 2019, Christopher Mercanti, Manager of Community and Indigenous Relations, with Bruce Power, provided Council with an update about some of the initiatives being undertaken by Bruce Power at this time. When discussing community initiatives, Council requested that Bruce Power consider hosting the annual Summer Block Party in Brockton, rather than the two municipalities that had previously hosted. Mr. Mercanti was informed that next year would mark 20 years since the Walkerton e-coli tragedy and that the Municipality of Brockton was already considering ways to respectfully commemorate the tragedy.

After the meeting, Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer, reached out to Mr. Mercanti about potentially hosting Bruce Power's Summer Block Party within the Municipality of Brockton.

Analysis:

To our surprise and sincere pleasure, Bruce Power has offered to host the 2020 Summer Block Party in the Town of Walkerton, partly to assist in commemorating the Walkerton e-coli tragedy. In a letter that has been attached for Council's review, James Scongack, Executive Vice-President of Corporate Affairs and Operational Services states on behalf of Bruce Power:

It is our hope that the Community will welcome this gesture as Bruce Power's way of helping the Municipality of Brockton mark this solemn occasion while also celebrating the achievements and

leadership position that Walkerton has taken to help communities throughout Ontario safeguard their drinking water.

Pending Council's approval Municipal staff are excited for the opportunity to work with Bruce Power in bringing this event to Walkerton and to begin planning ways to mark the solemn occasion while also celebrating Walkerton's achievements. Additional details about both the 2020 Summer Block Party would be brought forward as available as well as other initiatives to be undertaken to commemorate Walkerton's e-coli tragedy will be provided to Council when available.

Sustainability Checklist:

What aspect of the Brockton Sustainable Strategic Plan does the content/recommendations in this report help advance?

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| • Do the recommendations help move the Municipality closer to its Vision? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Cultural Vibrancy? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to achieving Economic Prosperity? | N/A |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to Environmental Integrity? | Yes |
| • Do the recommendations contribute to the Social Equity? | Yes |

Financial Impacts/Source of Funding:

- Do the recommendations represent a sound financial investment from a sustainability perspective? Yes

This is a Bruce Power sponsored event with some opportunity for local fundraising. It is unknown what additional expenses may be required at this time (although there will likely be some additional operational costs for things such as additional garbage collection, etc. in the area), but it is noted that the event has brought in 6000-8000 people in the past and will result in a high number of visitors to Walkerton from many surrounding areas.

Reviewed By:



Trish Serratore, Chief Financial Officer

Respectfully Submitted by:



Sonya Watson, Chief Administrative Officer