

Minutes – Special Events Committee Zoom October 17, 2023 7:00

The meeting of the Grand Lake Advisor Committee was called to order on October 17, 2023, at 7:10.

Attendance

Councillor Mary-Faith Mazerolle Councillor Crystal Boudreau

Committee Members

Courtney Nicholas Linda Hickman

Welcome Aboard the Christmas Express. Any events during the months of November and December will be compiled in one directory. To have an event added the public will call either of the village offices. The deadline for this is November 7. Once the information has been collected it will be published in the Grand Lake Mirror and on the Municipalities Facebook page.

The Chipman Santa Claus parade is being held on December 1st at 7:00. Councillor Klassen, Valerie Raven and Linda Hickman will oversee the Chipman parade. They are planning on having Hot Chocolate, cider, sweets, a photo booth as well as a craft for the kids. Linda will look after asking the grocery stores in Chipman for donations of sweets and K Bistro to supply the hot chocolate after the parade. She will also look after the craft station – there are 200 ornaments. Miss Grand Lake royalty will be asked to help out at the event. The committee will provide props for the photo booth however, people will have to take their own photos.

Councillor Klassen will ask if the library staff in both Chipman and Minto will do a Christmas story reading at the gazebo. The parade route will go from the Chipman High School to the Marina.

The Minto parade will be held on December 3 at 6:00. Councillor Mazerolle suggested that people might want to set up tables and do a craft market for the parade – she will look after organizing this event. It was also discussed about having food trucks. Courtney Nicholas will speak with Foodland about donating sweets for after the parade and Councillor Mazerolle will reach out to Nathalie at Tim's to donate hot chocolate.

Linda will look after food trucks for the Chipman area.

Councillor Klassen will look after asking church groups if they would like to organize carolling after the parade and Courtney will look after asking A to Z Daycare is the kids would like to host the carolling at the gazebo after the parade.

Councillor Mazerolle will revamp the letter that was sent out last year and send it to the office to have it printed off. The letter asks for sponsorship for treat bags and plaques. The committee will look for sponsors for the treat bags and will look into getting plaques for the parade in the amounts of \$50, \$75 and \$100

The next meeting will be held Tuesday, November 7 at 7:00.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45