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**To:** Council  
**From:** Loriann Harbers, Director of Corporate Services/Clerk  
**Date of Meeting:** July 13, 2022  
**Subject:** Stormont County Fair Designated Municipally Significant Event

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**Recommendation:**

That Council designates the Stormont County Fair, hosted in Newington, as a municipally significant event for the Labour Day weekend, from Friday, September 2, 2022 to Monday, September 5, 2022.

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**Background:**

On an annual basis, the Stormont Agricultural Society hosts the Stormont County Fair in Newington, Ontario.

To obtain a Special Occasion Permit (SOP) from the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO), the Society requires a resolution from the municipality designating it a "municipally significant event". A request for this resolution was received from the Stormont Agricultural Society on July 6, 2022.

Public Event SOPs are issued for events that are open to the public, such as charity fundraisers, outdoor street festivals, community festivals, etc.

An SOP for a Public Event can be issued:

- To a charitable organization registered under Income Tax Act (Canada);
- To not-for-profit organizations or associations organized to promote charitable, educational, religious or community objects.
- For an event of "provincial, national or international significance", as agreed to by the Registrar of Alcohol and Gaming (the Registrar);
- For an event of "municipal significance" for which a municipal resolution or letter from the municipal clerk or delegated municipal official is required and indicates the event is one of municipal significance.
- For a tailgate event held at outdoor premises that are at ground level, where the event is held in connection with, and in proximity to, a live professional, semi-professional or post-secondary sporting event.

A Public Event permit holder may advertise or promote the event in accordance with the Registrar's Advertising Guidelines (further information is available on the AGCO website).

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**Options:**

1. That Council designates the Stormont County Fair, hosted in Newington, as a municipally significant event for the Labour Day weekend, from Friday, September 2, 2022 to Monday, September 5, 2022.
2. Other.

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**Financial Impact:**

There is no direct financial impact to the Township.