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The Council of the Municipality of West Elgin
Municipality of West Elgin,
22413 Hoskins Line
Rodney, ON N0L 2C0

Re: Request for the closure of Furnival Road for 2023 Kiwanis-led community events.

Dear Mayor McPhail and Councillors,

I am writing as the President of The Kiwanis Club of Rodney. We are planning on continuing two of our extremely successful events from the last two years. As part of our combined efforts with Ethel's Big Scoop Ice Cream and other businesses, we hope to organize and offer the Rodney Night Market, on Saturday, November 18, 2023, in conjunction with the Christmas Businesses Tour weekend, and Toonie Tuesdays, on Tuesdays August 8, 15, 22, and 29.

This year's Night Market will be in November rather than early December for several reasons, some of which are to avoid a conflict with a similar event being held in Dutton in December, to have perhaps warmer weather, and more hours of sunshine, with an earlier start time this year, and to allow vendors to catch an earlier part of the Christmas shopping rush, when they have more merchandise in stock, and folks are in the early stages of their gift shopping.

The requested road closure for the Night Market would be earlier than this year: from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. (to allow for setup, the event itself, and cleanup.) Everything was indeed cleared from the street and the barriers were taken down on the past two years, well before 10:00.

Toonie Tuesdays will again be a joint venture among Rodney Kiwanis, Rodney Lions, Ethel's, and other service clubs and perhaps even the WESS Key Club.

We request that Furnival Road be closed once again from Victoria Street to Harper Street, while still allowing for ambulance services ingress and egress, as follow, in descending order of priority:

Final Night: August 29, 2023, 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Rodney Kiwanis cooking.

Opening Night: August 8, 2023, 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Rodney Kiwanis cooking.

August 15, then August 22, 2023, 4:00 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Rodney Lions cooking.

We truly appreciate your consideration of this letter, and the Council's ongoing support of these events in the many ways that you are able to do so, from financial support, collaborating with Elgin County, to advertising on the community signs, assisting with connections, planning and logistics.

Sincerely,

