

**AGENDA
AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP
SPECIAL MEETING
September 3, 2019 @ 3:00 P.M.**

- A. Call to Order
- B. Approval of Agenda
- C. Disclosure of Interest and Nature Thereof
- D. Wheels a Churin' Event
- E. Adjournment

REPORT NUMBER: 2019-100

DATE SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL: September 3, 2019

RE: Wheels A Churnin licensing

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RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council defeat the August 12, 2019 proposed motion to revoke the September 21, 2019 Wheels a Churnin event; and

THAT Council instruct staff to meet with Wheels a Churnin event organizers following the last 2019 event to update the license, related site plan control, park rules and regulations and other risk management controls for 2020.

BACKGROUND:

At their August 12, 2019 meeting, the Augusta Police Services Board received information from the OPP local detachment which led to the following resolution being recommended to Council by the PSB:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Police Services Board recommends to Council to revoke the September 21, 2019 Wheels a Churnin' event license on the grounds that the event poses a public safety concern based on police observations and incidents of calls for service and noncompliance with the Criminal and Provincial Offenses Act such as: impaired driving; drug use; under age abuse of alcohol and drugs; serious assault incidents; mischief and the inability of onsite security to provide and maintain control of the event; and


THAT the resources used by the OPP are substantial and the cost to the community associated with calls for service are significant.

At their next meeting on August 12, 2019, Council received the recommendation, tabled and deferred the motion until staff could gather more information and meet with the event promoters investigate the matter further.

On August 29, 2019 Township staff and lawyer met with the promoter's organizing team and legal representatives to address the PSB concerns and continue gathering information. Staff received an Augusta Motor Sport Park – Book of Documents for information and additional details related to various incidents that had occurred during recent events. Township staff had previously received information from the OPP local detachment, EMS, Augusta Fire Rescue related to prior year calls for service for each group and written correspondence from residents, event attendees and service providers.

It was noted that calls for service from all groups had decreased significantly over the last 5 years.

On the advice of Counsel, there is no evidence that warrants revoking the license. It is recommended that the third event of the year be allowed to proceed, and staff work with the organizers and other stakeholders to address health, safety and liability concerns.



Ray Morrison – CAO/Treasurer