

## **Jessica's House Council Presentation May 7<sup>th</sup>**

I would like to begin with thanking council and the administration for their on-going support and problem solving mindset with respect to the Jessica's House initiative.

And then explain that:

1. June will surely be Jessica's House in Exeter!

The Grand Opening is planned for 4:30pm on Thursday June 14<sup>th</sup> right at the property and then on June 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> Open houses will be held for the public.

During the week of June 18<sup>th</sup> the first residents will be admitted.

Then on June 22, 23, and 24 the first annual Jessica's House Music Weekend will be held.

It is our hope that businesses along Main Street will join us in decorating the town in blue and yellow, the Jessica's House colours, for this festive and celebratory month.

I am here tonight especially to share with you the plans for the music weekend and to invite and encourage your support for this important new civic event.

2. I will then outline the plans for the weekend.

The Jessica's House Music Weekend organizing Committee has been meeting monthly for 16 months to plan this event. Far more goes into the planning than might meet the eye. I want to share with council the individuals and organizations that have been part of the planning.

3. Finally, I would like to request that Council waive the fees for the rental of the facilities: ball diamonds, rodeo grounds, fencing for the event, use of the lights etc. We understand the need to pay for the staff to be on site for the weekend but are hoping council could see its way clear to waiving the other facility associated fees. (We are not planning on using the Ag Bldg. or Rec Centre but would only take shelter there in the case of a crisis.)

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Chair of the Jessica's House Music Weekend Committee