CITY OF HAMILTON

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Operations & Maintenance Division

Report to: Chair and Members
Public Works, Infrastructure & Environment Committee

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SUBJECT: Around The Bay Road Race - March 26, 2006
(PW06024) - (Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4)

RECOMMENDATION:

(a) That the following temporary full road closures for the Annual Around the Bay Road Race, hosted by the City of Hamilton on Sunday March 26, 2006, be approved:

(i) York Boulevard between Queen Street and MacNab Street (eastbound only) from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(ii) York Boulevard between eastbound 403 ramp and Dundurn Street from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

(iii) Bay Street between Main Street and Market Street from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

(iv) Valley Inn Road between York Boulevard and the City of Hamilton Limit from 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

(b) That approval of these closures be subject to the following conditions:

(i) That the prior approval of the Chief of Police or his designate be received, and that such permits or authorizations as may be required by the Chief of Police or his designate be obtained.

(ii) That the applicant provide proof of $2,000,000 public liability insurance naming the City of Hamilton as an added insured party with a provision for cross liability, and holding the City of Hamilton harmless from all actions, causes of action, interests, claims, demands, costs, damages, expenses and loss.

(iii) That all barricading, detour signing and traffic control be subject to the direction and satisfaction of the General Manager of Public Works, or his designate.
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Around the Bay Road Race organizers are requesting the temporary closure of the York Boulevard between Queen Street and MacNab Street (eastbound only) from 6:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., York Boulevard between eastbound 403 ramp to Dundurn Street from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Bay Street between Main Street and Market Street from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., and Valley Inn Road between York Boulevard and the City of Hamilton Limit from 10:30 a.m. until 3:30 p.m.

In addition to the temporary full closures detailed above, a number of moving road closures, with the assistance of Hamilton Police, will be as follows:

(a) York Boulevard from Caroline to James (all lanes)
(b) Wilson Street from James to Sherman (all lanes)
(c) Sherman Avenue from Wilson to Cannon (all lanes)
(d) Cannon Street from Sherman to Britannia (2 eastbound lanes)
(e) Britannia Avenue from Cannon to Parkdale (2 eastbound lanes)
(f) Parkdale Avenue from Britannia to Melvin (all lanes)
(g) Melvin Avenue from Parkdale to Woodward (2 eastbound lanes)
(h) Woodward Avenue from Melvin to Beach Blvd (2 northbound lanes)
(i) Beach Boulevard from Woodward to Burlington boundary (northbound lanes)
(j) Valley Inn Road from City of Burlington boundary to York (all lanes)
(k) York Boulevard from Valley Inn to Copps Coliseum.

This is an annual event in Hamilton that in the past years attracted approximately 5,000 participants. This year, the organizers are anticipating 7,000 participants competing in
three categories. Area businesses and residents will be notified in advance of the event date via an article in the Hamilton Spectator. The Public Works Department will install advance warning signs for motorists. The organizers are responsible for all the signing and barricading necessary to re-route traffic around the race course. Hamilton Police Service will be providing control within the closure area at a number of intersections. Hamilton Street Railway staff is aware of the traffic implications and will re-route their operation accordingly.

**BACKGROUND:**

The information/recommendations contained within this report primarily affect Wards 1, 2, 3 and 4 with City wide implications.

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The historical annual event has attracted approximately 5,000 participants in past years. This year, the organizers are anticipating 7,000 participants competing in three categories. The three categories include a 30 km run, a 5km run and a 30 km walk.

This year’s event features a new headquarters and a new finish line inside Copps Coliseum. Traffic staff and Hamilton Police met with the organizers to discuss the City implications of the event. The outcome was a traffic plan that will accommodate the event while accommodating non event traffic within the affected areas.

Public Works Department will install advance warning signs. The HSR will temporarily detour their routes along Main Street and York Boulevard. Hamilton Police Service staff will provide traffic control at a number of intersection and road sections throughout the race course.

As we have not received any objections from the area businesses or residents regarding previous occurrences of this event, and as Hamilton Police Service will provide appropriate traffic control, this Department can support this event.

**ANALYSIS/RATIONALE:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:**

Alternatively, Council may elect to deny the application for temporary road closure; however, considering the event has been run successfully and has not received any objections; staff does not support this alternative.

**FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The applicant is required to pay the $484.31 road closure fee. Additionally, the applicant intends on recovering all costs associated to the transportation plan (barricades, cones, Police and traffic signing) through the City of Hamilton’s Community
Partnership Program. An application has been submitted by the organizers of the Around the Bay Road Race and is currently under review by the Special Event Application Team.

**POLICIES AFFECTING PROPOSAL:**

The City has a policy for delegated authority for short term road closures. The policy states that delegated authority is given for events from previous years as long as: the event takes place in the same location as the previous year, and during the same time of day/day of week and does not include the serving of alcohol. This event does not conform to the policy, as Copps Colliseum has been added as the finish line of the event, forcing organizers to change the eastbound route from Main Street to York Blvd.

**RELEVANT CONSULTATION:**

The Around the Bay Road Race organizers, Hamilton Police, Hamilton Street Railway, Special Event Application Team

**CITY STRATEGIC COMMITMENT:**

By evaluating the “Triple Bottom Line”, (community, environment, and economic implications) we can make choices that create value across all three bottom lines, moving us closer to our vision for a sustainable community, and Provincial interests.

- **Community Well-Being is enhanced.** ☑ Yes ☐ No
  - Arts, culture, archeological and cultural heritage are supported and enhanced.

- **Environmental Well-Being is enhanced.** ☐ Yes ☑ No

- **Economic Well-Being is enhanced.** ☑ Yes ☐ No

Does the option you are recommending create value across all three bottom lines? ☑ Yes ☐ No

Do the options you are recommending make Hamilton a City of choice for high performance public servants? ☑ Yes ☐ No
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE:
YORK, WILSON, SHERMAN, CANNON, BRITANNIA, PARKDALE, MELVIN, WOODWARD, BEACH BLVD

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LOCATION PLAN

LEGEND

AROUND THE BAY RACE ROUTE:

SCALE NOT TO SCALE DATE

REFERENCE FILE NO: PW06024