SUBJECT: Temporary Road Closures for Dundas Cactus Festival and Parade (PW06103) - (Ward 13)

RECOMMENDATION:

(a) That the application from the Dundas Cactus Festival Committee to temporarily close the following roads during the dates and events noted be approved:
   (i) PARADE: Thursday, August 17, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m.
       (1) Cross Street between the Dundas Driving Park entrance and Park Street.
       (2) Park Street between Cross Street to York Road.
       (3) York Road between Park Street and King Street West.
       (4) King Street West between York Road and Market Street.
       (5) Market Street between King Street West and the entrance to Market Street Arena.
   (ii) FESTIVAL: Friday, August 18, 2006 at 5:00 p.m. to Sunday, August 20, 2006 at 6:00 p.m.
        (1) King Street West between York Road and Market Street.
        (2) Ogilvie Street between King Street West and Hatt Street.
(b) That approval of these closures be subject to the following conditions:
   (i) That the prior approval of the Chief of Police or his designee be received, and that such permits or authorizations, as may be required by the Chief of Police or his designee, be obtained.
   (ii) That the applicant provide proof of $5,000,000 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 with all costs to be the responsibility of the applicant.

(iv) That all barricading be supplied by and at the expense of the applicant.

(v) That “Temporary Road Closure” signs be installed in advance by the Public Works Department, on the affected roadways, if deemed necessary by the General Manager of Public Works at the sole cost of the applicant.

(vi) That the applicant ensure that clean-up operations be carried out immediately before the re-opening of the roads, to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Public Works at the expense of the event organizer.

(vii) That no property owner or resident within the barricaded area be denied access to their property upon request.

(viii) That all property owners and tenants along the closed portion of the road be notified of the event by the applicant prior to the event in a form acceptable to the General Manager of Public Works.

(ix) That the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) be advised that the City of Hamilton is aware of the application by the Winchester Arms, 120 King Street West, Mike’s Sports Bar at 100 King Street West, and Thirsty Cactus at 2 King Street East, to serve alcohol on the road allowance of King Street on Friday, August 18, 2006 from 6:00 p.m. to 12:00 midnight, Saturday, August 19, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight and Sunday, August 20, 2006 from 11:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m. and that the City has no objection to the AGCO insurance of the appropriate liquor license for this event.

John Mater, C.E.T.
Acting General Manager
Public Works

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Dundas Cactus Festival Committee is requesting the temporary closure of the following roads from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 17, 2006 for the Dundas Cactus Festival Parade:

- Cross Street between the Dundas Driving Park entrance and Park Street;
- Park Street between Cross Street to York Road;
- York Road between Park Street and King Street West;
- King Street West between York Road and Market Street;
- Market Street between King Street West and the entrance to Market Street Arena.
The closure of King Street West between York Road and Market Street, and Ogilvie Street between King Street West and Hatt Street from 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 18, 2006 to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 20, 2006 is required for the Festival.

As the application complies with the City’s road closure policy, and with no objections from area residents, staff recommends approval of the application, subject to the conditions detailed in the recommendation, and with support from Hamilton Police Services in providing control within the closure area.

BACKGROUND:

The information/recommendations contained within this report primarily affects Ward 13. The Dundas Cactus Festival Committee is requesting the temporary closure of Cross Street between the Dundas Driving Park entrance and Park Street, Park Street between Cross Street to York Road, York Road between Park Street and King Street West, King Street West between York Road and Market Street and Market Street between King Street West and the entrance to Market Street Arena from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 17, 2006 for the Dundas Cactus Festival Parade. The parade will form up in the Dundas Driving Park and proceed along Cross Street, turning east on Park Street to York Road, south on York Road to King Street, west on King Street West to Market Street where it will disperse at the Dundas Arena.

The festival portion of the event will require the closure of King Street West between York Road and Market Street and Ogilvie Street between King Street West and Hatt Street from 5:00 p.m. on Friday, August 18, 2006 to 6:00 p.m. Sunday, August 20, 2006.

The Public Works Department will install advance warning signs and detour signing in the area. The HSR will temporarily relocate all bus stops within the closure area and detour their routes on to both Hatt Street and Park Street. The HSR has indicated the need for “No Parking” signs are posted along some sections of the detour routes. The Dundas Downtown B.I.A. has been informed and supports this event.

As the application complies with the City’s road closure policy, and with no objections from area residents, staff recommends approval of the application, subject to the conditions detailed in the recommendation, and with support from Hamilton Police Services in providing control within the closure area.

ANALYSIS/RATIONALE:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:

Alternatively, Council may elect to deny the application for temporary road closure, however staff do not support this alternative as the event has been successfully operated in the past without incident.

FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

The applicants have paid the required $494 road closure permit fee.
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 alcohol will be served within the City’s road allowance and the event is of duration longer than one day.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION:
- Dundas Cactus Festival Committee
- Hamilton Police Services
- Special Events Advisory Team
- The Ward Councillor was notified via email of the upcoming report for the annual event. No comments or objections were received.

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, archeologically 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 CLOSURES:
CROSS ST, PARK ST E, YORK RD, KING ST, MARKET ST S

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

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