SUBJECT: Temporary Closure of King Street (South Leg) from James Street to Hughson Street for a Harry Potter Halloween Festival on Saturday, October 29, 2005 (PW05122) - (Ward 2)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the application by the Downtown Hamilton B.I.A. to temporarily close King Street (south leg) between James Street and Hughson Street to hold a Halloween Street Festival on Saturday, October 29, 2005 from 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., be approved, subject to the following conditions:

(a) 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.

(b) 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.

(c) 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.

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

(e) 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.

(f) 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.

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

Scott Stewart, C.E.T.
General Manager
Public Works

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

An application has been received from the Downtown Hamilton B.I.A. to hold a street festival on Saturday October 29, 2005. In order to hold this festival, it is necessary to temporarily close the south leg of King Street between James Street and Hughson Street on Saturday October 29th from 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.

The event will feature various children’s activities which will take place in Gore Park and on the King Street road allowance, and is estimated to attract approximately 3,000 people.

**BACKGROUND:**

The information/recommendations contained within this report primarily affect Ward 2.

The Downtown Hamilton B.I.A. has applied to temporarily close the south leg of King Street between James Street and Hughson Street to hold a “Harry Potter’s Halloween” children’s festival. The event will feature family entertainment in Gore Park and on the road allowance.

Similar festivals are held by The Downtown Hamilton B.I.A. on the south leg of King Street between James Street and John Street in July and August. This year the event organizer is requesting this smaller scale festival in October for one day.

As this is similar to other annual, well-attended events in the Downtown, and as appropriate traffic control will be provided by the Hamilton Police Services, this Department is in favour of the event.

**ANALYSIS OF ALTERNATIVES:**

Alternatively, council may elect to deny the application for temporary road closure; however staff does not support this alternative as similar events within this closure area have been successfully operated in the past without incident.

**FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The applicant will be required to pay the required $484.31 road closure fee, and cover all costs relating to the road closure.
POLICIES AFFECTING PROPOSAL:
N/A

CONSULTATION WITH RELEVANT DEPARTMENTS/AGENCIES:
Ward Councillor, Hamilton Police Services, Special Event Advisory Team.

CITY STRATEGIC COMMITMENT:
This event takes place in the downtown core and provides an economic benefit to the area as over 3,000 people are expected to attend the festival.
TEMPORARY CLOSURE:
King Street (South Leg)
James to Hughson

CITY OF HAMILTON
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

LEGEND
ROAD CLOSURE LIMITS:

SCALE DATE
NOT TO SCALE 2005-10-11

REFERENCE FILE NO: PW05122