SUBJECT: Temporary Road Closure - Fennell Avenue
“Play on!” Street Hockey Tournament (PW06040) - (Ward 8)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the application by Play On! Canadian Street Hockey Tournament event organizers to close Fennell Avenue West approximately 65m east of Auchmar Road to West 5th Street from Friday, May 26, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. to Sunday, May 28, 2006 at 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 liability insurance, naming the City of Hamilton as an added insured party with a provision for cross liability and holding the City harmless from all actions, causes of action, interests, claims, demands, costs, damages, expenses and loss.

(c) That all fencing, barricading, detour signing, H.S.R. rerouting 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 provided 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 and at the expense of the applicant.

(f) That the applicant ensure that clean up operations are carried out immediately before the re-opening of the road, to the satisfaction of the General Manager of Public Works at the expense of the applicant.
(g) That all property owners and tenants along the closed portion of the route be notified of the event, and proof in writing from these tenants be provided prior to the event in a form acceptable to the General Manager of Public Works.

E. (Beth) Goodger
Acting General Manager
Public Works

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

An application has been received from Play On! Canadian Street Hockey Tournament organizers to hold a street hockey event which requires Fennell Avenue be closed from Friday, May 26, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. to Sunday, May 28, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. The setup of 20 fenced-in street 'rinks' for the 1,000 anticipated participants and 3000 spectators will require a full closure of Fennell Avenue West from approximately 65m east of Auchmar Road to West 5th Street. The event organizers will also be occupying the Mohawk College entrance and parking lot for vendors, activities, and parking.

**BACKGROUND:**

The information/recommendations contained within this report primarily affect Ward 8.

The Play On! Street Hockey Tournament is a nation wide, organized annual street hockey event sponsored in part by TSN and Hockey Canada. The event offers team competition for all ages, genders and skill levels. The tournaments occur on urban roadways in various Canadian cities through out the summer (Halifax, Calgary, and Vancouver) with the finals being held in London, Ontario. Last year the event was held in Hamilton in late July. This year organizers are requesting the same location but wish to hold the event in late May. Fennell Avenue was successful during last year’s event, and is the preferred location again this year due to its four lane cross-section and close vicinity to Mohawk College for parking and staging facilities.

The closure will be fenced in just east of the three residential properties on Fennell Avenue just east of Auchmar Road to West 5th Street. The closure will start on Friday, May 26, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. ending on Sunday, May 28, 2006 at 7:00 p.m.

The Tournament is expected to draw approximately 3,000 spectators and 1,000 participants. The 800m section of roadway will consist of 20 play areas, with up to 10 street hockey events taking place at any given time. Events will take place during daylight times and shutdown at night.

The Public Works Department will install advance warning signs on the affected roadways one week in advance of the event to advise motorists of the road closure. In addition the applicant will distribute letters to Fennell Avenue properties informing of the closures.
HSR staff has provided support for the application and will re-route transit service to accommodate the road closure.

**ANALYSIS/RATIONALE:**

N/A

**ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:**

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

**FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The applicant is required to pay the applicable road closure fee of $484.31, and will be billed all costs associated with the road closure.

**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 last year the event was held in July.

**RELEVANT CONSULTATION:**

Hamilton Police Services, Hamilton Street Railway, Special Event Advisory Team, Ward 8 Councillor.

**CITY STRATEGIC COMMITMENT:**

By evaluating the “Triple Bottom Line”, (community, environment, 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
LOCATION PLAN

ROAD CLOSURE LIMITS:

CITY OF HAMILTON
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

LEGEND

FENNEL AVENUE
EAST OF AUCHMAR TO WEST 5th

SCALE
NOT TO SCALE
DATE
2006-03-28
REFERENCE FILE NO: PW06040