SUBJECT: Temporary Road Closure - King Street (South Leg) from James to Hughson Streets for Downtown BIA Easter Festival on Saturday April 15, 2006 (PW06037) - (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 Easter street festival on Saturday, April 15, 2006, from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., be approved, subject to the following conditions:

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

E. (Beth) Goodger  
Acting 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 April 15, 2006. In order to hold this festival, it is necessary to temporarily close the south leg of King Street between James and Hughson Streets on Saturday April 15, 2006 from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 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 affects 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 children’s festival. The event will feature family entertainment in Gore Park and on the road allowance.

Similar festivals such as the Harry Potter Halloween street festival held in October 2005 were held by The Downtown Hamilton B.I.A. on the south leg of King Street between James Street and Hughson Street.

Hamilton Street Railway has agreed to temporarily detour transit to the north leg of King Street for the duration of the festival. Also, District 3 staff will deliver and setup the necessary road closure signage.

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/RATIONALE:**

N/A
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**ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:**

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.

**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 did not conform to policy as this event did not take place on the road allowance in April of last year, therefore Council approval is required.

**RELEVANT CONSULTATION:**

Ward Councillor; Hamilton Police Services; and Special Event Advisory Team were consulted.

**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
TEMPORARY CLOSURE:
King Street (South Leg)
James to Hughson

CITY OF HAMILTON
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

LEGEND
ROAD CLOSURE LIMITS:

SCALE: NOT TO SCALE
DATE: 2006-03-28

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