SUBJECT: Temporary Closure of King Street West - Westdale Village B.I.A. Street Festival (PW07063) - (Ward 1)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the application from the Westdale B.I.A. for the one day temporary closure of King Street West between North Oval and Sterling Street/Newton Avenue on Saturday, June 16, 2007 from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight for a street festival, 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 $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. The certificate must be provided to the City of Hamilton prior to the event;

(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 warning boards be installed in advance by the Public Works Department on the affected roadways at the cost of the applicant;

(e) 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;

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

(g) 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;
EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:
An application was received from the Westdale Village B.I.A. to close King Street West from North Oval to Sterling Street/Newton Avenue on Saturday, June 16, 2007 from 6:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight. The BIA holds a similar annual event in September. The event takes place on King Street in Westdale Village with an estimated attendance of over 8,000 participants.

BACKGROUND:
The information/recommendation contained within this report primarily affects Ward 1. The Westdale Village B.I.A. has applied to close King Street West from North Oval to Sterling Street/Newton Avenue to hold their street festival. The road closure would occur from 6:00 a.m. Saturday June 16, 2007 until 12:00 midnight. A similar event takes place each year in September within this same Westdale Village area. The event’s main activities will consist of wine sampling, seminars, and cooking demonstrations, along with vendors and live entertainment.

The applicant will inform the local residents of the closure via a hand delivered notice. Additionally they will contact the businesses along the closure to ensure their support for the event. The Public Works Department will install warning signs one week prior to the closure and a detour route during the closure. The detour route for transit and traffic will consist of the following:

- Westbound buses/motorists will detour to the north of King Street West along North Oval from King Street West to Sterling Street.
- Eastbound buses/motorists will also detour to the north of King Street along Cline Avenue North between Sterling Street and King Street West.

The Public Works Department has not received any objections from the area residents or businesses during the previous occurrences of this event. The applicant will arrange to have barricades at the limits of the closure. Hamilton Police Services will provide additional traffic control at the limits of the closure.

ANALYSIS/RATIONALE:
N/A
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.

FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

The applicant is required to pay the $503.88 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, the event does not exceed a one day duration, and no alcohol will be served as part of the event. This event does not conform to the policy as alcohol will be served.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION:

Westdale Village BIA; Hamilton Police Services; and the Special Event Advisory Team. The Ward Councillor has been notified.

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 CLOSURE:
King Street West
North Oval to Sterling

CITY OF HAMILTON
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

LEGEND
ROAD CLOSURE LIMITS:

SCALE DATE
NOT TO SCALE 2007-04-30

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