SUBJECT: Temporary Closure of Locke Street South for the Annual Locke Street Festival (PW08089) - (Ward 1)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the application by the Locke Street Merchants Association to temporarily close Locke Street South between Hunter Street and Stanley Avenue on Saturday, September 6, 2008 from 6:00a.m. to 11:00p.m. to hold 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;
(h) That the applicant pay the required full road closure permit fee of $531.33 made payable to "The City of Hamilton" prior to the road closure;

(i) That the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) be advised that the City of Hamilton is aware of the applications by the West Town Bar & Grill, 214 Locke Street, to serve alcohol on the road allowance of Locke Street on Saturday, September 6, 2008 from 11:00a.m. to 11:00p.m. and that the City has no objection to the AGCO issuance of the appropriate liquor license for this event.

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

An application was been received from the Locke Street South Merchants Association to temporarily close Locke Street South between Hunter Street and Stanley Avenue on Saturday, September 6, 2008 from 6:00a.m. to 11:00p.m. to hold a street festival.

Area businesses and residents will be notified in advance of the event dates via letter by the organizer. The Public Works Department will install advance warning signs and detours, and convert cross streets within the closure to two way operation for the duration of the event.

**BACKGROUND:**

The information/recommendations contained within this report primarily affects Ward 1.

The Locke Street Merchants Association has applied to temporarily close Locke Street South between Hunter Street and Stanley Avenue on Saturday, September 6, 2008 from 6:00a.m. to 11:00p.m. to hold a street festival. The event takes place each year in September within this same Locke Street area. The event’s main activities will consist of street vendors, and live entertainment.

The applicant will inform the local residents of the closure via a hand delivered notice. The Public Works Department will install warning signs one week prior to the closure and a detour route during the closure. All one way streets between Hunter and Stanley that cross Locke will be converted to two way operation for the duration of the event.

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 $531.33 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 that no alcohol will be served as part of the event. This event does not conform to the policy as alcohol will be served.

This report aligns with the Public Works Strategic Plan by being a leader and steward of community events and is mutually beneficial with external customers and enhancing tourism.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION:
Locke Street Merchants Association; Locke Street B.I.A., Hamilton Police Services, and the Special Event Advisory Team. The Ward Councillor has been advised and is in agreement with the closure.

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

No
TEMPORARY CLOSURE:
Locke Street South
Hunter Street to Stanley Avenue

CITY OF HAMILTON
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

LEGEND

ROAD CLOSURE LIMITS:

SCALE
DATE
NOT TO SCALE 2008-07-29

REFERENCE FILE NO: PW08089