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**RECOMMENDATION**

(a) That the application by Theatre Aquarius for the temporary closure of Ferguson Avenue from King Street to King William Street from 8:00 a.m. Thursday September 20, 2012 to 2:00 a.m. on Saturday September 22, 2012 to hold an Opening Night Gala and Fundraising Event be approved, subject to the following conditions:

(i) That the City may revoke the temporary road closure at any time to gain access for emergency services;

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

(iii) 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 or designate at the expense of the event organizer;

(iv) That all barricading and traffic control be supplied by the applicant, and must conform to “Ministry of Transportation Book 7 - Temporary Conditions”;

(v) That all barricading and traffic control be subject to the direction and satisfaction of the General Manager of Public Works or designate with all costs the responsibility of the applicant;
(vi) That all warning boards and detour signs manufactured and installed by the City of Hamilton in advance of the closure be at the expense of the applicant;

(vii) That the applicant notify all property owners and tenants along the closed portion of the route of the event in writing a minimum of 2 weeks in advance of the closure. The notice must be completed prior to the event in a form acceptable to the General Manager of Public Works or designate, providing, but not limited to a 24-hour contact name and telephone number;

(viii) 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;

(ix) That the applicant pay the required full road closure fee of $584.18 made payable to “The City of Hamilton” prior to road closure.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An application was received requesting a temporary closure of Ferguson Avenue from King Street to King William Street to hold an Opening Night Gala and Fundraising Event on Friday September 21, 2012 from 6:00 p.m. to 12 midnight.

In order to provide setup and takedown time, the closure will start at 8:00 a.m. on Thursday September 20 and end at 2:00 a.m. on Saturday September 22, 2012.

As the application complies with the City’s road closure policy, and with no objections from the SEAT Committee or area residents, staff recommends approval of the application, subject to the conditions detailed in the recommendation.

The event aligns with the Public Works Business Plan "Innovate Now" by promoting a healthy environment and enhancing tourism, and by being a leader and steward of community events which are mutually beneficial with external customers.

Alternatives for Consideration - See Page 4

FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: All City of Hamilton costs associated to road closures for special events are recovered through permit fees and external billing.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A
HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

Theatre Aquarius is requesting a temporary closure of a section of Ferguson Avenue for an Opening Night Gala and Fundraising Event on Friday September 21, 2012.

The event celebrates the 40th anniversary of Theatre Aquarius and will include theatre performances, live music, and a catered reception. The event hopes to raise funds as well as raise awareness of the theatre.

As the application complies with the City’s road closure policy, and with no objections from area residents, staff recommends approval of the application, subject to the conditions detailed in the recommendation.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

The City has a policy for delegated authority for short term road closures (TOE02009a). The policy states that delegated authority is given for events from previous years as long as:

- The event has been approved by the Special Events Advisory Committee (SEAT) and conforms to the policies and procedures contained in the City’s Guidelines for Special Event Planning.
- A Council report has been approved in the first year of the event granting the event organizers permission to close the roadway.
- No problems associated with the event were reported in the previous year.
- The location of the event has not changed from the previous year.
- A positive response is received from the Ward Councillor(s) affected by the event.

This event does not conform to this policy as it is a first time event, therefore Council approval is required.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

The Special Events Advisory Team (SEAT) has reviewed and approved the event. SEAT is made up of representatives from Culture, Traffic Engineering, Hamilton Police Service, Public Health, Municipal Parking System, Hamilton Street Railway, Municipal Law Enforcement, Waste Management, and Emergency Services.

Staff has consulted with and gained approval from the Ward Councillor.

ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

With the installation of the appropriate road closure supplies, and the assistance of the Hamilton Police Service, the event is expected to result in minimal traffic disruption. The success will be measured based on operational details, participation levels and feedback.
ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Council may elect to deny the application for the temporary road closure. However, considering the positive impacts on culture and the community, and due to the fact that the Special Events Advisory Team has reviewed and approved the event, staff do not support this alternative.

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN


Skilled, Innovative & Respectful Organization

- A culture of excellence
- An enabling work environment - respectful culture, well-being and safety, effective communication

Financial Sustainability

- Delivery of municipal services and management capital assets/liabilities in a sustainable, innovative and cost effective manner

Intergovernmental Relationships

- Maintain effective relationships with other public agencies

Growing Our Economy

- An improved customer service
- A visitor and convention destination

Social Development

- People participate in all aspects of community life without barriers or stigma

Environmental Stewardship

- Reduced impact of City activities on the environment
- Aspiring to the highest environmental standards

Healthy Community

- An engaged Citizenry

APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

Appendix “A”: Map of Temporary Road Closure of Ferguson Avenue
TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE
FERGUSON AVENUE
KING STREET to KING WILLIAM STREET
SEPTEMBER 21, 2012 - SEPTEMBER 22, 2012