

CITY OF HAMILTON

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Environment & Sustainable Infrastructure Division

TO: Chair and Members Public Works Committee	WARD(S) AFFECTED: WARD 2
COMMITTEE DATE: March 22, 2010	
SUBJECT/REPORT NO: Temporary Closure of James Street from Cannon Street to Burlington Street for Open Streets (Cyclovia) Pilot Events - (PW10028) - (Ward 2)	
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RECOMMENDATION

That the application for the temporary closure of James Street from Cannon Street to Burlington Street from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. on Sunday June 6, 2010 and Sunday September 26, 2010, 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 all detour signing and warning boards be installed in advance by the Public Works Department, on the affected roadways, if deemed necessary by the General Manager of Public Works;
- (c) That all barricading be subject to the approval of the General Manager of Public Works or designate;
- (d) That the applicant ensures that clean up operations are carried out immediately before the re-opening of the road;
- (e) That no property owner or resident within the closure area be denied access to their property upon request;

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- (f) That all property owners and tenants within the closure area be notified by the applicant, prior to the closure, in a form acceptable to the General Manager of Public Works.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

An application was received from the Open Streets Hamilton Stakeholder Group requesting a temporary closure of James Street from Cannon Street to Burlington Street to hold Cyclovias on Sunday June 6, 2010 to kick off the Clean Air Commute (Commuter Challenge) events, and Sunday September 26, 2010 as part of International Car Free Day events celebrated world wide.

A Cyclovia involves a vehicular closure of a roadway to encourage people to “get active” by walking, cycling, taking transit and using the road in a different and novel way. The event’s festive atmosphere brings together citizens, community groups, businesses, artists, entertainers and politicians, all converging in different themed areas down the street.

Alternatives for Consideration - See Page 3

FINANCIAL / STAFFING / LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

Financial: Funding for this event will be covered through the Transportation Demand Management Capital Budget and external funding is being sought from the Ministry of Transportation’s TDM Municipal Grant Program. Police costs are yet to be estimated, however, the potential funding from the public sector, including the Ontario government, would be able to cover these costs.

Staffing: N/A

Legal: N/A

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND

The information/recommendations contained within this report primarily affect Ward 2.

An Open Streets Event (also known as Cyclovia) involves closing a street for a few hours to encourage people to “get active” by walking, cycling, and taking other forms of active transportation. They have been a very successful community building event in other cities such as Ottawa, New York, Portland and Bogotá, Columbia, where they were conceived.

One of the key intents of such events is to encourage citizens to use streets in a different way that promotes cycling, walking and transit use. The Open Streets Hamilton Event promotes this goal and focuses on citizen participation, inclusivity and healthy communities. By running the second Open Streets Event as a kick off to Car Free Day, the city can raise awareness for the international movement and attract

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citizens to the downtown core, while demonstrating the city's commitment to healthy living, sustainable transportation and community action.

The Public Works Department will provide warning boards and detour signs in advance of the closure, as well as deliver the necessary barricades and road closure supplies. Hamilton Police Service will assist by installing the barricades, and directing traffic at all signalized intersections within the closure limits.

POLICY IMPLICATIONS

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. These events do not conform to this policy as they are first time events; therefore Council approval is required.

These events promote a healthy environment aligning with the Public Works Strategic Plan "Innovate Now!".

RELEVANT CONSULTATION

The following groups were consulted with and were in favour of the event.

- Hamilton Police Service
- Green Venture
- Public Health
- HSR
- Special Event Advisory Team
- Ward Councillor

ANALYSIS / RATIONALE FOR RECOMMENDATION

With the installation of advance warning boards, and the assistance of Hamilton Police Service, the Sunday events are expected to result in minimal traffic disruption. These two proposed Cyclovias will serve as the trial to determine the success of Cyclovias in Hamilton. Their success will be measured based on operational details, participation levels and feedback.

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION

Alternatively, Council may elect to deny the application for the temporary road closures. However, considering the Special Events Advisory Team has reviewed and approved this event, staff do not support this alternative.

CORPORATE STRATEGIC PLAN

Focus Areas: 1. Skilled, Innovative and Respectful Organization, 2. Financial Sustainability, 3. Intergovernmental Relationships, 4. Growing Our Economy, 5. Social Development, 6. Environmental Stewardship, 7. Healthy Community

Skilled, Innovative & Respectful Organization

- ◆ A culture of excellence

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

- ◆ Natural resources are protected and enhanced
- ◆ Aspiring to the highest environmental standards

Healthy Community

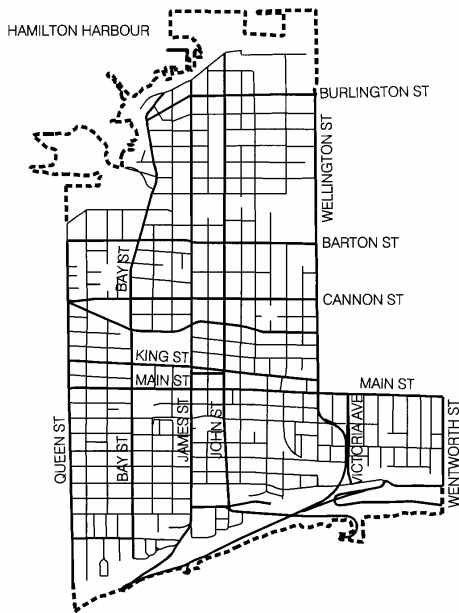
- ◆ Plan and manage the built environment
- ◆ An engaged Citizenry

APPENDICES / SCHEDULES

Appendix "A" - Location Plan



KEY MAP



HAMILTON WARD 2

LOCATION PLAN

TEMPORARY CLOSURE:
James Street
Cannon St to Burlington St

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LEGEND

ROAD CLOSURE LIMITS:

SCALE DATE
NOT TO SCALE **2010-03-22**

APPENDIX "A"
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