SUBJECT: Temporary Road Closure - King William from James to Hughson for a MayDay Spring Festival (PW07052) - (Ward 2)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the application from the Skydragon Community Development Co-operative for the temporary closure of King William Street between James and Hughson on Saturday, May 5, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight 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 be received and that such permits or authorizations as may be required by the Chief of Police or his designate be obtained;

(b) That the applicant provide proof of $5,000,000 liability insurance, naming the City of Hamilton as an added insured party with a provision for cross liability and holding the City harmless from all actions, causes of action, interests, claims, demands, costs, damages, expenses and loss;

(c) 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 at the expense of the applicant;

(d) That all barricading be by and at the expense of the applicant subject to the approval of the General Manager of Public Works or designate;

(e) That the applicant ensures that clean up operations are carried out immediately before the re-opening of the road, to the satisfaction of the City of Hamilton and at the expense of the applicant;

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

(g) 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;
(h) That the applicant be granted an amendment to the City of Hamilton's Noise By-law NO. 79-292 to allow music to be played until 11:00 pm on Saturday May 5, 2007, and that a Licensing & Standards Officer monitor the event and be in attendance if necessary, at the expense of the applicant.

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

An application was received from the Skydragon Community Development Co-operative for the temporary closure of King William Street between James Street and Hughson on Saturday, May 5, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight to hold a street festival. The applicant will be erecting a stage and beer tent in the private parking lot located on the southeast corner of James Street and King William Street and will provide the required fencing around the site, security for control of the pub within the tent limits, and Hamilton Police Services will also be on hand at the applicant’s expense. The closure of King William will provide standing room for spectators and allow street fronting businesses to provide food and merchandise.

**BACKGROUND:**

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

An application was received from the Skydragon Community Development Co-operative for the temporary closure of King William Street between James Street and Hughson on Saturday, May 5, 2007 from 7:00 a.m. until 12:00 midnight to hold a street festival. The applicant is proposing to erect a stage for musical performances and a tent to serve alcoholic beverages in the private parking lot located on the southeast corner of James Street and King William Street. The applicant will be installing fencing around the area the alcohol will be served, and the applicant will provide security as well as Hamilton Police Service officers for crowd control.

The applicant will inform the local businesses of the closure via a hand delivered notice and ensure their support of the event. The Public Works Department will install warning signs one week prior to the event advising motorists of the proposed road closure.

To launch the festival portion of the event, there will be a parade led by Hamilton Police Services which will temporarily occupy one lane starting at King William travelling south on James Street, to King Street, to Bay Street, to York Street, back to King William. The applicant will be responsible for the partial road closure permit for the parade portion of the event.
ANALYSIS/RATIONALE:

N/A

ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:

Alternatively, Council may elect to deny the application for the temporary road closure, however considering the Special Events Advisory Team has reviewed and approved this event, and the activities will be primarily on private property, staff do not support this alternative.

FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

The applicant will be responsible for all costs incurred with the road closure, and will be required to pay the applicable road closure permit fee of $494.00.

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 it is a first time event, therefore Council approval is required.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION:

Hamilton Police Services, Special Event Advisory Team. The Ward Councillor was consulted and is in favour of the event.

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 William
from James to Hughson
CITY OF HAMILTON
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

LEGEND
ROAD CLOSURE LIMITS:

SCALE
NOT TO SCALE
DATE
2007-04-11
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