SUBJECT: Temporary Road Closure - Bowen Street for St. Patrick’s Day Event (PW08019) - (Ward 2)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the application from Slainte Irish Pub for the temporary closure of Bowen Street between Jackson Street East and the limits of the Slainte property on Monday, March 17, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2008 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 barricading, detour signing, and traffic control be subject to the direction of the General Manager of Public Works or his designate;

(d) That all barricading be provided by and at the expense of the applicant;

(e) That "Temporary Road Closure" signs be installed in advance by the Public Works Department, on the affected roadways, if deemed necessary by the General Manager of Public Works and at the expense of the applicant;

(f) 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;

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

(h) 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;
That the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) be advised that the City of Hamilton is aware of the application by Slainte Irish Pub, 33 Bowen Street to serve alcohol on the road allowance of Bowen Street on Monday, March 17, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. until 11:00 p.m. and that the City has no objection to the AGCO issuance of the appropriate liquor license for the event.

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

**EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**
An application was received from Slainte Irish Pub for the temporary closure of Bowen Street between Jackson Street East and the limits of the Slainte property on Monday, March 17, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2008 to hold a St. Patrick’s Day street festival. The applicant will be erecting a tent on the roadway 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. Access to adjacent parking lots on Bowen Street will be maintained.

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

An application was received from Slainte Irish Pub for the full closure of Bowen Street between Jackson Street East and the limits of the Slainte Pub property on Monday, March 17, 2008 from 7:00 a.m. until 7:00 a.m. Tuesday, March 18, 2008 to hold a St. Patrick’s Day street party. The applicant is proposing to erect a fully enclosed tent on the roadway in which food and alcohol will be served. Metal fencing will be provided around the tent area, the applicant will provide security as well as Hamilton Police Service officers for crowd control. Parking lot entrances north and south of the tent area will be maintained open.

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, and will provide road closure signs/barricades for the event. The Public Works Department has not received any objections from the area businesses during the previous occurrences of this event and therefore recommend in favour of this closure of Bowen Street for the Slainte Irish Pub event.

**ANALYSIS/RATIONALE:**
N/A
ALTERNATIVES FOR CONSIDERATION:
Alternatively, Council may elect to deny the application for temporary road closure, however considering the event has been run successfully in the past, and not received any objections, staff do not support this alternative.

FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:
The applicant has paid the applicable road closure fee of $494.00, and will be billed all costs associated with the road closure.

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 alcohol was available on the road allowance, therefore Council approval is required.

This report aligns with the Public Works Strategic Plan by servicing our community which is the place from which to start and build in a global economy.

RELEVANT CONSULTATION:
Hamilton Police Services, Special Event Advisory Team. The Ward Councillor has been notified and is in favour of the event.

**CITY STRATEGIC COMMITMENT:**

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:
Bowen Street
Main Street to Jackson Street
CITY OF HAMILTON
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

LEGEND
ROAD CLOSURE LIMITS:
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SCALE
DATE
NOT TO SCALE  2008-02-20
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