

CITY OF HAMILTON

***PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
Operations & Maintenance Division***

Report to: Mayor and Members Committee of the Whole	Submitted by: Scott Stewart, C.E.T. General Manager Public Works Department
Date: July 14, 2008	Prepared by: Rich Shebib Extension 3909

**SUBJECT: Temporary Closure of King Street West from Sterling to North Oval
Westitalia Street Festival (PW08091) - (Ward 1)**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the application from the Westdale B.I.A. for the temporary closure of King Street West between Sterling Avenue and North Oval at 12:00 noon on Friday, September 12, 2008 until 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 14, 2008 for 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;
- (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 all barricading be supplied 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 at the sole cost of the applicant;
- (f) 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;
- (g) That no property owner or resident within the barricaded area be denied access to their property upon request;

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- (h) 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;
- (i) That the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) be advised that the City of Hamilton is aware of the application by The Village Diner at 988 King Street W., 1010 Bistro at 1010 King Street W., The Snooty Fox at 1011 King St. W., The Bean Bar at 1012 King Street W., and Bourbon St. Café at 1019 King Street W., to serve alcohol on the road allowance of King Street West on Friday, September 12, 2008 and Saturday, September 13, 2008 11:00 a.m. to 12:00 midnight, and on Sunday, September 14, 2008 from 11:00 a.m. to 6:00 pm, and that the City has no objection to the AGCO issuance of the appropriate liquor licence for this event.

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

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

An application was received from the Westdale Village B.I.A. to close King Street West from Sterling Avenue to North Oval from 12:00 noon on Friday, September 12, 2008 until 10:00 p.m. on Sunday, September 14, 2008 for a street festival. 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 conditions including the installation of advance warning signs for motorists, the prior notification of area residents of the event schedule, and support from Hamilton Police Services in providing control within the closure area.

BACKGROUND:

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

The Westdale Village B.I.A. has applied to close King Street West from Sterling Avenue to North Oval to hold their street festival. The road closure would occur from 12:00 noon Friday September 12, 2008 until 10:00 p.m. Sunday September 14, 2008. The same event takes place each year in September within this same Westdale Village area.

The applicant will inform the local residents of the closure via a hand delivered notice. Additionally they will contact the businesses along the closure to ensure their support for the event. The Public Works Department will install warning signs one week prior to the closure and a detour route during the closure. The detour route for transit and traffic will consist of the following:

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- Westbound buses/motorists will detour to the north of King Street West along North Oval from King Street West to Sterling Street;
- Eastbound buses/motorists will also detour to the north of King Street along Cline Avenue North between Sterling Street and King Street West.

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 conditions including the installation of advance warning signs for motorists, the prior notification of area residents of the event schedule, and support from Hamilton Police Services in providing control within the closure area.

The Public Works Department has not received any objections during the previous occurrences of this event and therefore recommend in favour of this closure of King Street West for the Westitalia Street Festival.

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 without incident.

FINANCIAL/STAFFING/LEGAL IMPLICATIONS:

The applicant is required to pay the \$531.33 full 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 during the same time of day/day of week and does not include the serving of alcohol. This event does not conform to the policy, as alcohol will be served within the City's road allowance.

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:

- Westdale Village B.I.A.
- Special Events Advisory Team
- Hamilton Police Services
- The Ward Councillor was notified of the upcoming report for the annual event and is in agreement.

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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**

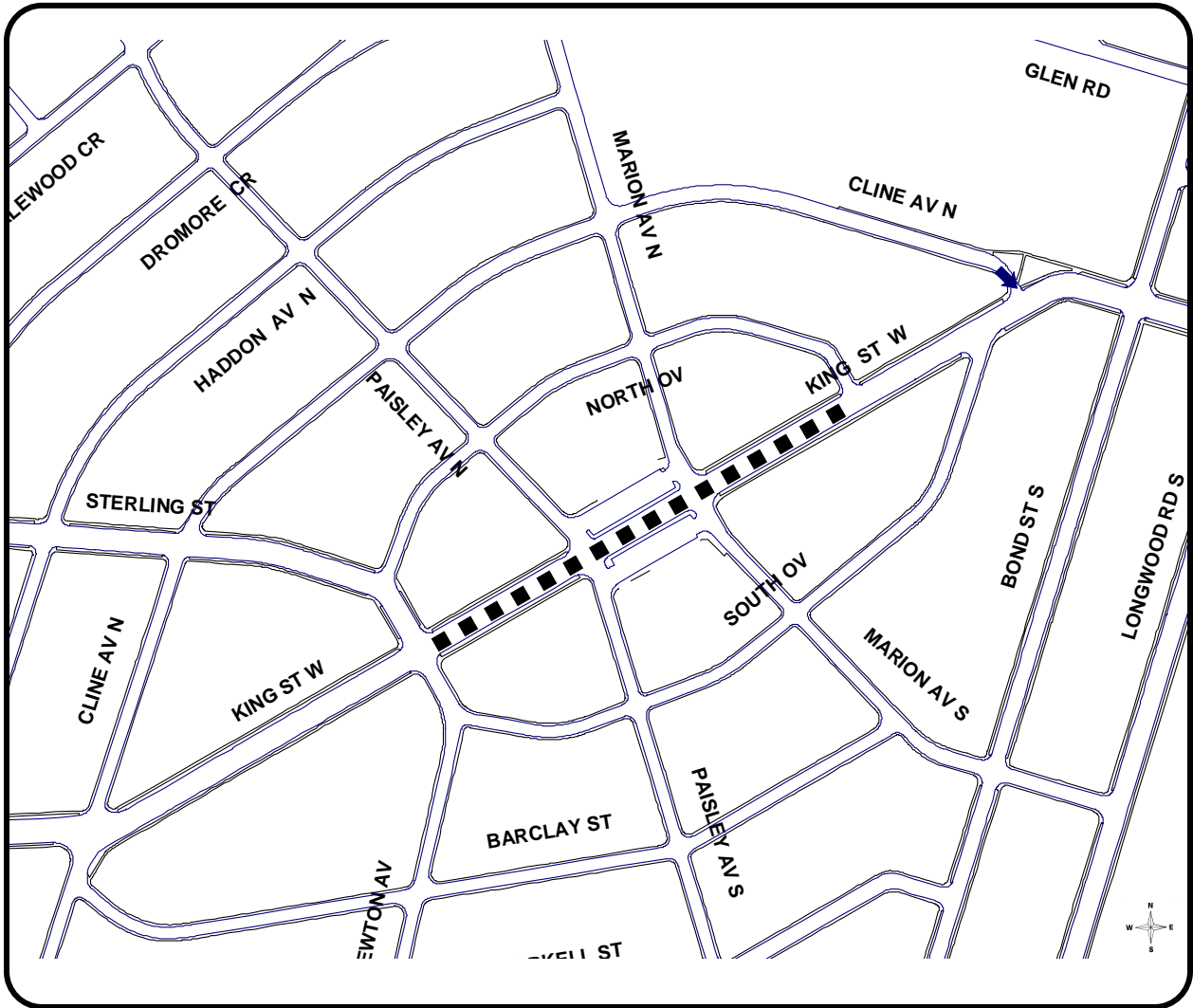
Economic Well-Being is enhanced. **Yes** **No**

Does the option you are recommending create value across all three bottom lines?

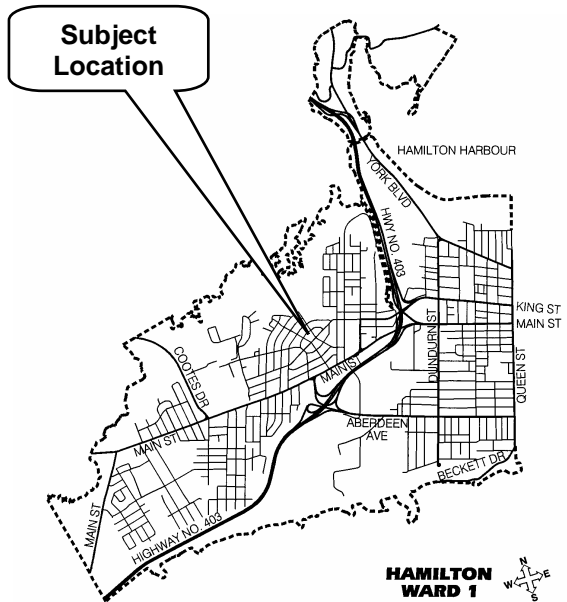
Yes **No**

Do the options you are recommending make Hamilton a City of choice for high performance public servants?

Yes **No**



KEY MAP



LOCATION PLAN

TEMPORARY CLOSURE:
King Street West
North Oval to Sterling

CITY OF HAMILTON
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

LEGEND

ROAD CLOSURE LIMITS:



SCALE
NOT TO SCALE

DATE
2008-07-29

REFERENCE FILE NO: **PW08091**