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Meeting2020 Feb 24

COUNCIL REPORT

TO:

CITY MANAGER

DATE:

2020 February 12

FROM:

DIRECTOR ENGINEERING

FILE:

38000-40

SUBJECT: NAGAR KIRTAN PARADE – SATURDAY, 2020 APRIL 11

PURPOSE: To seek Council approval for the Nagar Kirtan Parade.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council approve the parade as discussed in this report.

THAT the coordinator of the event, Harjit Sohpaul, president of Shri Guru 2. Ravidass Sabha, 7271 Gilley Avenue, Burnaby, BC V5J 4W9, be sent a copy of this report.

REPORT

INTRODUCTION

A request to use City Streets for the 11th annual Nagar Kirtan parade on Saturday, 2020 April 11 has been received from Harjit Sohpaul, president of Shri Guru Ravidass Sabha. Council approval for a parade is required by the Street & Traffic Bylaw.

POLICY SECTION

The Nagar Kirtan Parade is aligned with the City of Burnaby's Corporate Strategic Plan by supporting the following goals and sub-goals of the Plan.

Goal

- A Connected Community
 - Social connection Enhance social connections throughout Burnaby
- An Inclusive Community
 - Create a sense of community Provide opportunities that encourage and welcome all community members and create a sense of belonging

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- A Healthy Community
 - Community involvement –
 Encourage residents and businesses to give back to and invest in the community

DISCUSSION

ROUTING AND TRAFFIC CONTROL

This parade is unique in format compared to other parades in Burnaby. All other parades use the closure of one main road whereas the Nagar Kirtan utilizes six roads for their parade route. The use of rolling road closures ensures that inconvenience to residents, businesses and the motoring public is minimized. To safely accommodate the needs of residents, businesses and participants, an active role by the organizer, City staff and the RCMP is required.

The parade routing and proposed road closures are similar to previous years and are outlined on the *attached* map. The parade will assemble on the temple grounds located at 7271 Gilley Avenue. The parade will start at 12 noon and head south on Gilley Avenue to Rumble Street, right on Rumble Street to Royal Oak Avenue, right on Royal Oak Avenue to Imperial Street, right on Imperial Street to MacPherson Avenue, right on MacPherson Avenue to Beresford Street and left on Beresford Street to return to the temple at approximately 6:00 pm. The parade will make several temporary stops along the parade route. One temporary stop requires the closure of Dorset Street between Antrim Avenue and Sellers Avenue to better accommodate the anticipated pedestrian traffic.

The parade organizers will be required to arrange for the delivery, installation and removal of all necessary traffic control equipment (i.e. barricades) and services at their cost. The RCMP and Engineering Department will have staff available to assist with traffic control during the parade.

PARKING REMOVAL

Parking will be prohibited along the parade route between 11:00 am and 6:00 pm as required. City Bylaw officers will arrange for the removal of any vehicles left on the street during the restrictions. Vehicles will be ticketed and towed to Mundie's Towing at the owner's expense.

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TRAFFIC SIGNAL OPERATIONS

All traffic signals along the parade route will remain in normal operation. A professional Traffic Control company will be hired by the organizer and certified Traffic Control Persons will be stationed at all signalized intersections to monitor and control traffic operations as required during the parade. In addition, certified traffic control persons will monitor and control the pedestrian crosswalk on Gilley at Beresford for the safety of the anticipated pedestrian traffic generated by the event.

TRANSIT OPERATIONS

Coast Mountain Bus Company has been informed of the upcoming parade and they will reroute and reschedule buses as required during the parade.

NOTIFICATION

The parade organizers will be providing a letter two weeks in advance of the parade to all affected businesses and residents and will be working closely with the community prior to the parade to minimize any potential problems. Organizers will also be advertising in the local newspapers and radio stations.

Large advance warnings signs will be installed on Imperial Street, Merritt Avenue, Royal Oak Avenue, Rumble Street, Gilley Avenue and Beresford Street by Friday, 2020 April 03 to forewarn the motoring public of the upcoming road closures and detour routes.

The organizers are aware that approval is subject to the following conditions:

- 1. That the parade be conducted under the supervision of one person as marshal or organizer.
- That all participants be instructed to respect the rights and property of individuals encountered en route.
- 3. That the organizers are responsible for arranging for barricade volunteers for all barricade locations.
- 4. That the organizers are responsible for providing a professional Traffic Control company to supply, install, and remove barricades at all road closure locations and station certified traffic control persons at each signalized intersection to control traffic operations.

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- 5. That the parade schedule be adhered to minimize inconvenience to the public.
- 6. That the parade be covered with liability insurance in the amount of \$5 million with the City of Burnaby named as co-insured, and that the insurance policy include a thirty day cancellation notice and a cross liability clause.
- 7. That a signed copy of the "City of Burnaby Permit For Short Term Use And Occupancy Of City Lands" be received no later than one week prior to the event.

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Attachment

Copied to: RCMP - OIC Burnaby Detachment Chief Supt. Deanne Burleigh

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