



TO: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER DATE: 2022 April 11

FROM: GENERAL MANAGER ENGINEERING FILE: 38000-40

SUBJECT: TIAN JIN FESTIVAL 2022

PURPOSE: To seek Council approval for road closures.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. THAT Council approve the road closures for the Tian Jin Festival (TJ Fest) as outlined in this report.

2. THAT the coordinator of the event, Jeffrey Yu Executive, Director of the Chinese Taoism Kuan Kung Association in Canada, 3426 Smith Avenue, Burnaby BC V5G 2T3 be sent a copy of this report.

REPORT

1.0 INTRODUCTION

A request to use City streets for TJ Fest on Saturday, 2022 May 14 and Sunday, 2022 May 15 between 11 am - 4 pm has been received from Jeffrey Yu – Director of the Chinese Taoism Kuan Kung Association in Canada.

2.0 POLICY SECTION

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

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

3.0 BACKGROUND

The TJ Fest is a 2-day celebration of cultural diversity and community spirit. The goal of the festival is to build better community connections by bringing together City residents and visitors, promoting community diversity, and helping local businesses. TJ Fest will be celebrating its 10 years of creating memorable moments for the community in 2022. It is important for TJ Fest to remain admission-free so people of all ages can enjoy and celebrate together at the festival. One of the many popular things to do at TJ Fest is its fun interactive games and activities which are free to play, enabling families and friends to cherish childhood memories and create memorable moments together. TJ Fest has carefully handpicked and invited many local artisan and shops that will offer a unique shopping experience at zero cost to the vendors.

TJ Fest has gained a wide popularity in the community over the years where 2021 saw a 400% increase in the number of visitors despite COVID-19 concerns and inclement weather. This year, at its 10th year celebration, TJ Fest is expected to attract an even larger crowd with increased programs and activities on the festival ground.

TJ Fest is requesting the closure of Smith Avenue between Laurel Street and the laneway south of Laurel Street; Laurel Street between Smith Avenue and the cul-de-sac to the west on Saturday, 2022 May 14 and Sunday, 2022 May 15 between 8 am and 5:30 pm. In addition, Coast Mountain Bus Company (CMBC), has requested City to ban parking on the north side of Linwood Street in order to re-route the buses off of Smith Avenue during this time.

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

- That a qualified Traffic Control Management Company will set up the road closures according to the approved layout;
- 2. That qualified Traffic Controllers will be onsite to assist with bus movements on either sides of Linwood Street;
- 3. That all emergency and transit services are advised of the event;
- 4. That the organizers send out letters to residents and businesses that are affected by the road closures and temporary parking restrictions at least two weeks prior to the event;
- 5. That the event be covered with liability insurance in the minimum amount of 5 million with the City of Burnaby named as co-insured, and that the insurance policy include a 30 day cancellation notice and a cross liability clause; and
- 6. 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.

4.0 RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommend Council's approval of the road closures for the TJ Fest as outlined in this report

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Attachment

Copied to: General Manager Community Safety – Dave Critchley

RCMP - OIC Burnaby Detachment Chief Supt. - Graham De La Gorgendiere

Fire Chief – Chris Bowcock

BC Ambulance Special Operator, via email at SpecialOperations@bcehs.ca

Emergency Program Coordinator - Charmaigne Pflugrath Supervisor - Sports & Outdoor Recreation – Lucas Bjerke

