

TO: MAYOR & COUNCIL
FROM: GENERAL MANAGER ENGINEERING
SUBJECT: **TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE REQUEST – CENTRAL SPARK**
PURPOSE: To seek Council approval for a temporary road closure on Patterson Avenue between Kingsway and Central Boulevard for the Halloween Fireworks event - Central Spark.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the closure of the portion of Patterson Avenue between Kingsway and Central Boulevard be approved from 4:30 PM – 10:00 PM on October 27, 2023, as outlined in the report titled “Temporary Road Closure Request – Central Spark” dated September 11, 2023.

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER’S COMMENTS

I concur with the recommendation of the General Manager Engineering.

1.0 POLICY SECTION

Temporary road closures for special events do not require Council approval, as such, this report is discretionary based on previous administrative practices.

2.0 BACKGROUND

The City’s Festivals & Events office with the Parks, Recreation, and Culture Services (PRC) Department (the event organizer) organizes signature civic events throughout the City between May and October. New in 2023, PRC will be utilizing the North East corner of Central Park for an all-new Halloween Fireworks event titled Central Spark. The concept is supported by the Burnaby Fire Department and the RCMP as an excellent way for residents and visitors to enjoy fireworks in public together in a controlled environment.

3.0 GENERAL INFORMATION

In order to facilitate the temporary road closure, staff will be working with a qualified traffic management company to develop the traffic control plan, coordinate with the City’s Sign Shop to install temporary parking restriction signage, and coordinate with City Bylaw Enforcement for parking enforcement.

In order to alleviate potential traffic congestion, traffic will not be permitted on Patterson Avenue between Kingsway and Central Boulevard from 4:30 PM to 10:00 PM. (Exception: local access will be maintained for residents of 5790/ 5852/ 5932 Patterson Avenue (see **Attachment 1**).

As Central Spark is a City organized event, liability insurance is not required; however, the event organizer is aware that approval of the road closure is subject to the following condition(s):
That a qualified traffic control management company will set up the road closures according to the approved layout.

3. COMMUNICATION AND COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The event organizer is aware that all emergency and transit services are to be advised of the event. Notification letters to impacted residents and businesses will be sent out at least two (2) weeks prior to the event to advise them of the road closures and any temporary parking restrictions.

5.0 FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Funding is provided as a part of the Annual Halloween Festival One Time Funding in the 2023 Operating budget.

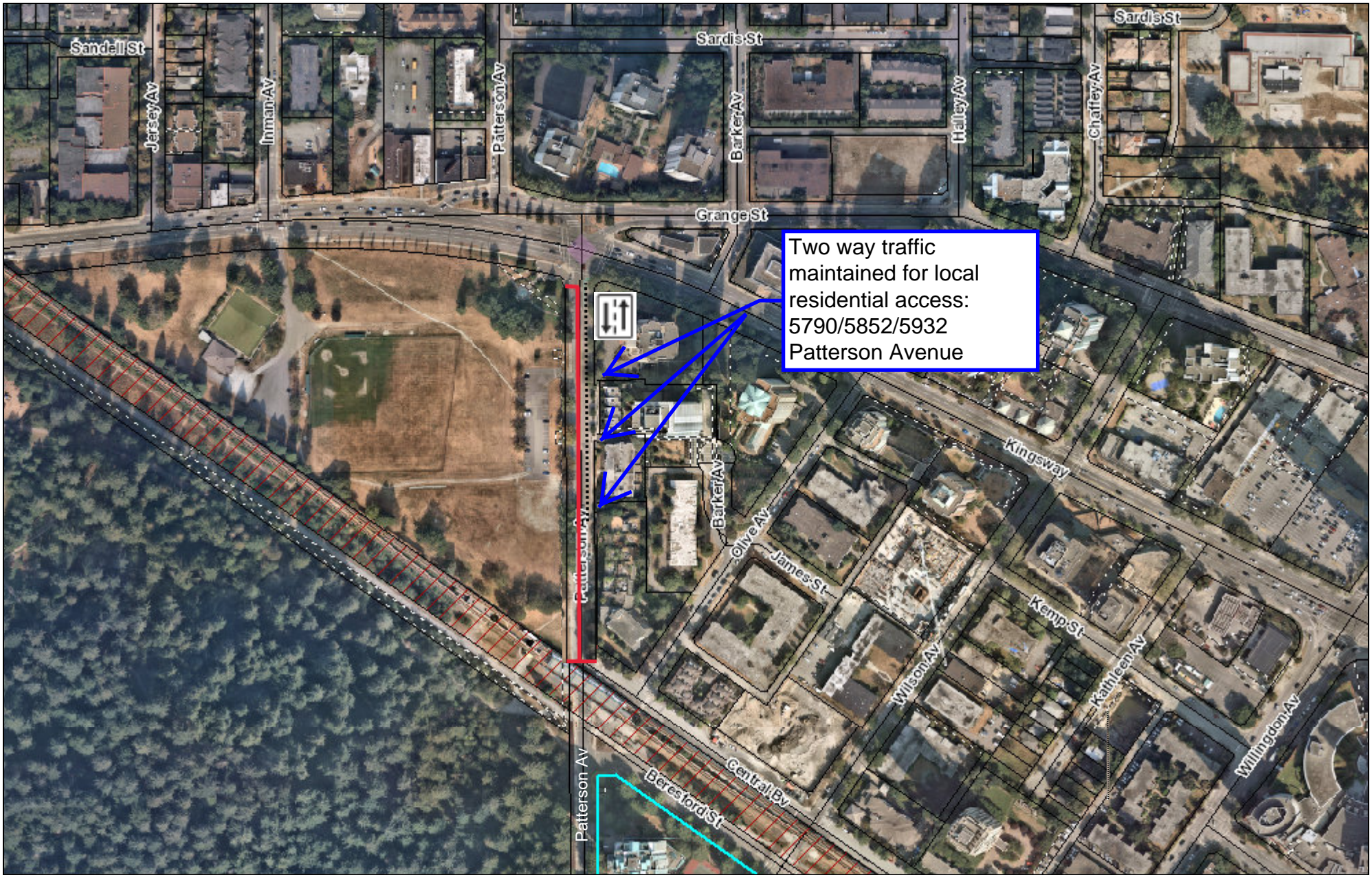
Respectfully submitted,
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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1 – Map of Temporary Road Closure for the Event

REPORT CONTRIBUTORS

This report was prepared by Giovanna Lanius-Pascuzzi, Traffic Technician 1, and reviewed by Amy Choh, P. Eng., Director Engineering Transportation.



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 Closure



Two-Way Traffic

