

TO: CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER **DATE:** Feb. 14, 2023
FROM: GENERAL MANAGER ENGINEERING **FILE:** 38000-40
SUBJECT: TIAN JIN FESTIVAL 2023
PURPOSE: To seek Council approval for road closures.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

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, 2023 May 06 and Sunday, 2023 May 07 between 11 am - 4 pm has been received from Jeffrey Yu – Director of the Chinese Taoism Kuan Kung Association in Canada.

2.0 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 11th year of creating memorable moments for the community in 2023. 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 popularity in the community over the years. In 2022, part of Laurel Street and Smith Avenue were blocked off and the event attracted more than 10,000 visitors despite pouring rain. In 2023, TJ Fest is going to expand the festival ground to Avondale Park to accommodate the larger crowd and increased programs.

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TJ Fest is requesting the closure of Smith Avenue between Laurel Street and Avondale Street on Saturday, 2023 May 06 and Sunday, 2023 May 07 between 7:00 am and 7:00 pm. Linwood Street will remain open for east and west through traffic during these times. In addition, Coast Mountain Bus Company (CMBC) has requested that the City remove parking on the north side of Avondale Street in order to re-route northbound service away from Smith Avenue during this time.

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

1. 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 Avondale 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.

3.0 RECOMMENDATION

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



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Attachment 1

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 - Charmaine Pflugrath
Supervisor - Sports & Outdoor Recreation – Lucas Bjerke

