



Subject: Temporary Road Closure Request – Peaceful Walk for Diversity Awareness

Department: Infrastructure Services

Division: Public Works

Report #: INS-2021-038

Meeting Date: 2021-05-31

Recommendations

That report INS-2021-038, dated May 31, 2021, Temporary Road Closure Request – Peaceful Walk for Diversity Awareness, be received;

And that Council pass a by-law to authorize the temporary road closure of Broadway between 9:00 am and 2:00 pm on June 13, 2021 for a Peaceful Walk for Diversity Awareness.

Background and Analysis

Town staff have been approached regarding a proposed event that will require road closures in the downtown core. A Peaceful Walk for Diversity Awareness is scheduled for the morning of Sunday June 13, 2021. The event is scheduled to run from 10:00 am to Noon. The walk will begin and end at Alexandra Park, with participants walking on Broadway from Second Street to Wellington Street and back. There have been discussions involving the organizers, OPP, Community Services, Infrastructure Services and Councillor Post regarding the logistics. It is understood that the event will only proceed if the current public health restrictions are lifted.

By-Law 018-2017 is a by-law to delegate to staff the authority to approve temporary road closures. Specifically, the by-law delegates to staff the authority to temporarily close all roads in Town for the purpose of construction or maintenance work, and the authority to close all roads in Town with the exception of Broadway and First Street for special events. By-law 018-2017 includes a list of special events that take place on an annual basis (in non-COVID times) for which the authority to temporarily close Broadway and/or First Street has also been delegated to staff. Currently the Peaceful Walk for Diversity Awareness event is not included in the list of events for which the authority to temporarily close Broadway and/or First Street has been delegated to staff.

Thus, Council approval is required to close Broadway from Wellington Street to Second Street to accommodate this event.

Note that Second Street will also be closed from Broadway to First Avenue for this event, however Council approval for this closure is not required as the authority to close Second Street is delegated to staff through By-law 018-2017.

Strategic Alignment

Orangeville Forward – Strategic Plan

Priority Area: Community Stewardship

Objective: Engaged and Involved

Sustainable Neighbourhood Action Plan

Theme: Social Well-Being

Strategy: Build social networks that encourage well-being and celebrate the community.

Notice Provisions

None.

Financial Impact

The proposed road closures will result in overtime costs, however the cost associated with overtime to facilitate events is included in the approved Operating Budget. Thus, there is no financial impact associated with this report.

Respectfully submitted
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Attachments:

1. None