

COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE – SEPTEMBER 4, 2001

THORNHILL VILLAGE FESTIVAL

Recommendation

The Commissioner of Development Services & Public Works recommends:

1. That a By-law be enacted to:
 - (i) Temporarily close the following road sections Saturday, September 15, 2001 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.:
 - a) Centre Street from Yonge Street to Erica Road;
 - b) Brooke Street from Centre Street to Thornridge Drive;
 - c) Elizabeth Street from Centre Street to Thornridge Drive;
 - d) Jane Street from Brooke Street to Yonge Street;
 - e) Old Yonge Street from Centre Street to Yonge Street; and
 - f) Mill Street from Old Yonge Street to its westerly limit.
 - (ii) Temporarily close the following road sections Saturday, September 15, 2001 from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.:
 - a) Thornridge Drive from Yonge Street to Brooke Street.
 - (iii) Temporarily prohibit parking on the following road sections Saturday, September 15, 2001 from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.:
 - a) Thornridge Drive from Yonge Street to Clarkhaven Street;
 - b) Brooke Street from Thornridge Drive to Arnold Avenue on the east side; and
 - c) Numerous other area streets - one side parking only.
2. The proposed temporary road closures and parking restrictions be subject to the Thornhill Village Festival Committee ensuring co-operation in the placement and maintenance of all appropriate City provided traffic signs and barricades related to the temporary closures and restrictions; and

Purpose

The Thornhill Village Festival is scheduled to be held Saturday, September 15, 2001. As such, the Festival Committee Director of Operations, Mr. Brian G. Ryan, is requesting that selected municipal roads be temporarily closed as in past years.

Temporary parking restrictions are also proposed immediately outside the closure area to ensure emergency vehicles access to the area. See Attachment No. 1 for the proposed closures and parking restrictions.

Background - Analysis and Options

Under the services-in-kind policy, the City provides no cost supply of the various barricades, road closure signs, snow fencing and temporary no parking signs related to this annual reoccurring event. Festival volunteers cooperate by placing these items and standing them down following conclusion of the event. Residents living along the closed off portions of Centre Street and Donna Mae Crescent will be provided passes to allow them limited access to Centre Street on the event day. The preceding arrangement has worked well in previous years, so staff is recommending similar provisions for this year's event.

The Region of York approves temporary closure of Yonge Street for the festival parade. They advise that some substandard arrangements have been allowed in regards to the Yonge Street parade related closure during prior year events. In order to safely direct traffic onto appropriate detour routes at the closure points, flashing arrow boards and channelizing barrels arranged by an on-site specialist crew is required as a closure permit condition. These new provisions will add about \$2,500 to \$3,000 over the 'services-in-kind' budgeted for prior year events.

Conclusion

It is recommended that Council adopt an appropriate by-law to authorize the above-described temporary road closures and parking restrictions.

Attachments

1. Location Map (Thornhill Village Festival Road Closures and Parking Prohibitions)

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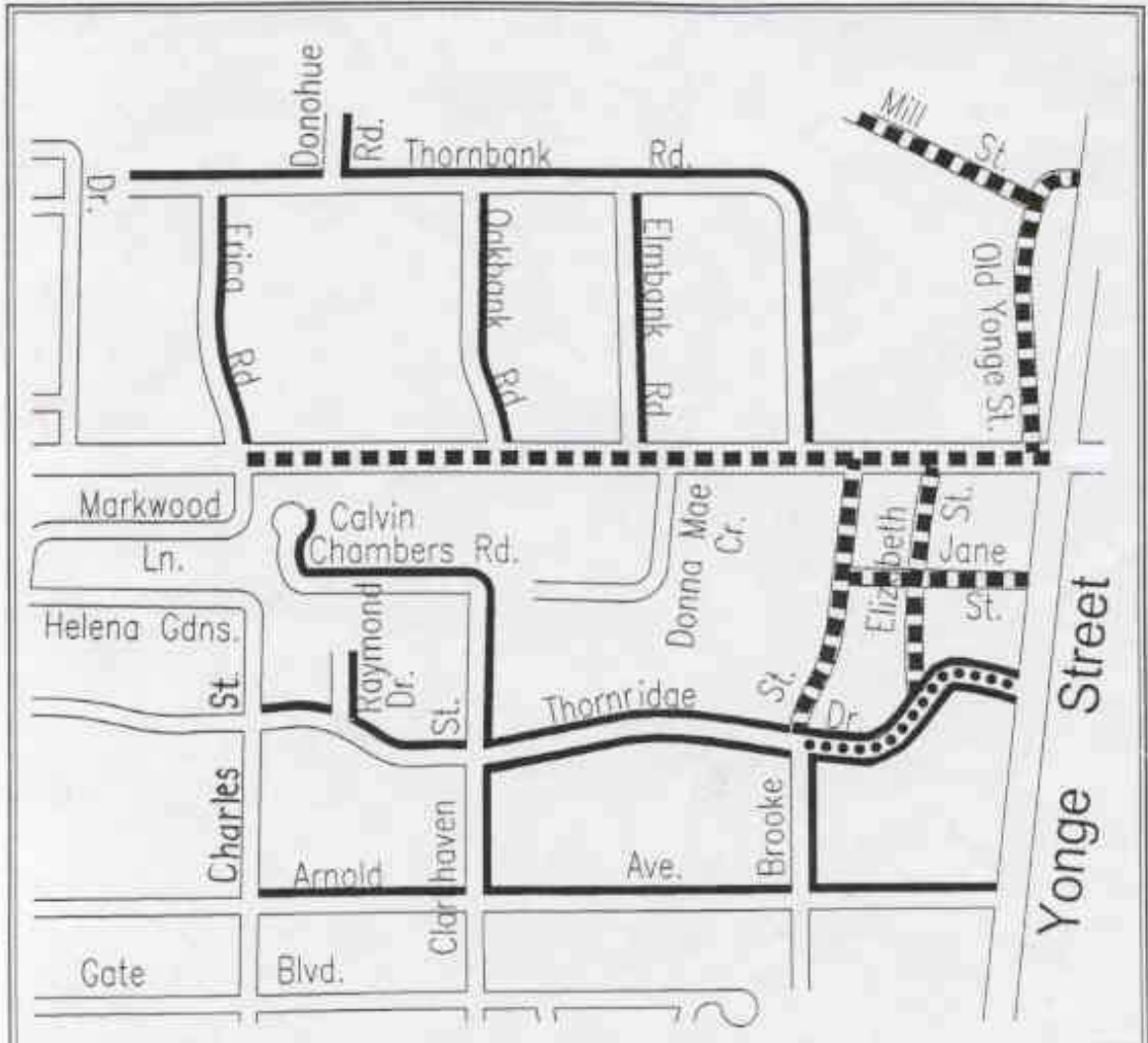
Respectfully submitted,

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ATTACHMENT No. 1



THORNHILL VILLAGE FESTIVAL ROAD CLOSURES AND PARKING PROHIBITIONS

LEGEND

-  PARKING PROHIBITED 8:00am - 6:00pm
-  ROAD CLOSED 8:00am - 5:30pm
-  ROAD CLOSED 11:30am - 1:30pm



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