

COMMUNICATION 132102

Received from: Joanne Henderson, Manager of Recreation and Culture
Addressed to: Committee of the Whole
Date: August 10, 2021
Topic: Road Closure/Parking Lot Closure Request

SUMMARY

Staff received a request from the Downtown Business Improvement Association (BIA) to close Bridge Street from Mill Street to Lake Avenue on Thursday, August 26th, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for the BIA Night Market. They are also requesting to close the parking lot at 82 Bridge Street (across from Scotiabank) from Wednesday, August 25th, 2021 at 11:00 p.m. to Saturday, August 28th, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. The parking lot will be closed for the operation of a temporary Beaver Tail/Pastry Pop Up Shop. The BIA will be responsible for providing notification through social media, radio and signage at the locations.

COMMENT

The BIA Night Market will include a display of classic cars, musicians busking on the street, sidewalk sales and more. The Beaver Tail Pop Up Shop will be an added attraction for the weekend. As this is a commercial use of the parking lot, there will be fee for the use of the lot and the fee is \$10.00 per parking space per day. There are a total of 18 spots that will be occupied.

As this is a new event, staff do not have delegated authority to close the road. As a result, the request is being placed before Council for a decision. This request is time sensitive as the organizers need to start planning so if the request is supported at Committee of the Whole, the decision needs to be consistent at the August 24th, 2021 Council meeting.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

THAT Council approves the Downtown Business Improvement Association's (BIA) request to close Bridge Street from Mill Street to Lake Avenue on Thursday, August 26th, 2021 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. for the BIA Night Market; and

THAT Council approves the BIA request to close the parking lot at 82 Bridge Street (across from Scotiabank) from Wednesday, August 25th, 2021 at 11:00 p.m. to Saturday, August 28th, 2021 at 5:00 p.m. for a temporary Beaver Tail/Pastry Pop Up Shop.