Special Council Minutes June 15, 2015 -6:00 pm Council Chambers Whitby Municipal Building

Present: Mayor Mitchell

Councillor Coe Councillor Drumm Councillor Emm Councillor Gleed

Councillor Leahy (arrived at 6:06 p.m.)

Councillor Roy

Councillor Yamada (arrived at 6:04 p.m.)

Also Present: R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer

P. LeBel, Commissioner of Community & Marketing Services

K. Nix, Commissioner of Corporate Services/Treasurer

B. Rice, Acting Commissioner of Public Works

R. Short, Commissioner of Planning

D. Wilcox, Town Clerk S. Cassel, Deputy Clerk

Regrets: None noted

- 1. Declarations of Pecuniary Interest
 - **1.1** There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.
- 2. Delegations/Presentations
 - 2.1 Peter Bereczki representing the Downtown Community Re: Community and Marketing Services Department and Planning and Development Department Joint Report, CMS 31-15 Proposed Brock Street Road Closure During Downtown Blues Music Festival

Peter Bereczki, 111 Dundas Street West, Whitby, appeared before Council, and stated that the Downtown Business Community was in support of the closure of Brock Street and excited about the opportunities for visitors to attend the businesses in the Downtown during the Festival.

Tracy Hanson, on behalf of the Business Community, representing the

Whitby Chamber of Commerce, appeared before Council and stated that they were in full support of the closure of Brock Street for the Festival and the opportunity that it would provide for the businesses in the Downtown. She commented on Item 3 of the recommendation pertaining to the waiving of insurance requirements by the Town, noting that businesses were in favour of this as it would assist them in being able to carry out their activities that day. She inquired whether there was a need to leave space for emergency vehicles with the closing of the Street and if assistance could be provided to businesses looking to obtain an extension of their liquor license permits through the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO).

R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer, stated that he would speak with the Fire Chief regarding alternate safety routes for emergency vehicles.

D. Wilcox, Town Clerk, advised that staff would do their best to expedite letters to the AGCO to assist businesses in obtaining the necessary permits for the event.

3. Presentations

3.1 Community and Marketing Services Department and Planning and Development Department Joint Report, CMS 31-15
Re: Proposed Brock Street Road Closure During Downtown Blues Music Festival

A detailed question and answer period ensued with respect to:

- the waiving of insurance and the need to explore this matter in relation to all other events across the Town;
- options that could be explored through the insurance pool;
- the need for a report back to Council in the Fall on this matter:
- the need for individual businesses to have their own insurance in place to ensure they are covered for the purposes of patrons attending their businesses during the Festival;
- whether businesses had been notified of the risks involved and that they should be encouraged to check with their insurance providers; and.
- whether the sidewalk construction in the Downtown would be completed in time for the event.

R. Petrie, Chief Administrative Officer, advised that applications had been distributed to the businesses which included the original insurance requirements of the Town. In light of the report before Council, once approved, P. LeBel, Commissioner of Community and Marketing Services would be contacting those businesses advising that the insurance forms would not be required.

Discussion ensued regarding adding a clause that would provide awareness to businesses that they needed to have their own insurance in place.

Resolution # 302-15

Moved By Councillor Coe Seconded By Councillor Roy

- 1. That Council approve the temporary closure of Brock Street between Mary and Dundas Streets and Dundas and Dunlop Streets on Saturday, June 27, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.;
- That pursuant to the Street Vendor By-law # 4224-98 that Council
 declare the closure of Brock Street on June 27 a community event so
 that businesses within the closed area are permitted to occupy the
 sidewalk and/or curbside parking spaces for the purpose of
 conducting sidewalk sale related activities;
- 3. That Council waive the Town's insurance and indemnification requirements for businesses, including restaurants that are not serving alcohol within the closed area;
- 4. That pursuant to the Outdoor Sidewalk Patio Cafes By-law # 4223-98 that Council permit restaurants within the closed area to occupy the sidewalk and/or curbside parking spaces on June 27 during the hours of the road closure subject to meeting the requirements of the Regional Health Department, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario/LCBO and the insurance and indemnification requirements of the Town; and,
- 5. That a copy of Staff Report CMS 31-15 be provided to the Downtown Whitby Development Steering Committee and the Whitby Chamber of Commerce.

Carried later in the meeting [See following motion]

Resolution # 303-15

Moved By Councillor Coe Seconded By Councillor Roy

That the following be added to Item 3 of the main motion after 'area': and that activities outside the normal scope of the existing businesses require the appropriate insurance and indemnification.

Carried

The main motion, as amended, was then carried.

- 4. Confirmatory By-law
 - **4.1** Confirmatory By-law

Resolution #304-15

Moved By Councillor Emm Seconded By Councillor Gleed

That leave be granted to introduce a by-law and to dispense with the reading of the by-law by the Clerk to confirm the proceedings of the Council of the Town of Whitby at its special meeting held on June 15, 2015, and that the same be considered read and passed and that the Mayor and the Clerk sign the same and the Seal of the Corporation be thereto affixed.

Carried

- 5. Adjournment
 - **5.1** Motion to Adjourn

Resolution # 305-15

Moved By Councillor Leahy Seconded by Councillor Emm

That the meeting adjourn.

Carried

The meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

Debi A. Wilcox, Town Clerk	Don Mitchell, Mayor