

Dear Mayor and Councils

Re: Approval for Laurel Street Closure May 6 & 7, 2017

Every year around the month of May, Chinese Taoism Kuan Kung Association hosts Tian Jin Festival on the property of 3426 Smith Ave to celebrate the anniversary of Tian Jin Temple and the value of Family and culture diversity with the community. There will be a performance stage featuring local artists and performance that includes various culture element from Asia and other parts of the world. There is also a food fair area offering freshly made cuisines with Asian flair. The Festival is also family friendly. Games and crafts and other activities are designed to engage and entertain the whole family, both parents and kids. From our experience, young families represent a majority of visits during the Festival. Admission to this Festival is free so that everyone in the community could enjoy and celebrate the Festival with us. As a free and open festival that is open to the community we welcome everyone and encourage guests and visitors to utilize public transit which will take you directly to the Festival's door steps.

Tian Jin Festival 2017 holds special place in our heart as we celebrate multiple milestones: Tian Jin Temple's 5th year in Burnaby, Association's 20th year as a Charity, and it is also the 60th year for physical building which is now known as Tian Jin Temple. To celebrate this special occasion we plan to expand the Festival ground to include the usage of the South sidewalk and the roadway of Laurel Street that is adjacent to our property as depicted in the attached pictures. And we are seeking Mayor and Councils' approval to use this space on May 6 & 7 2017.

The Road Closure will be between 9am to 5pm on May 6&7 2017. The set up would be similar to the "car free days" that take place around town in Summer time. We would set up roadblock to prevent vehicle traffic from driving through but will not limit pedestrian foot traffic. The driveway of our two neighboring buildings will not be blocked and the road closure will not restrict vehicle access to these buildings. There is a back lane off Smith Avenue that is just south of our property that has access to the couro sack and the buildings. We will also work with the City in setting up the appropriate signage for the event.

We wish Mayor and the Council would approve our request and we welcome any suggestions that would benefit the Festival's success.

Thank you for your consideration.

Copy to:  
City Manager  
Dir. Engineering  
Dir. Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services  
RCMP, OIC

NOTE: Staff will review the requested street closure as a block party given its scope and impact. A preliminary assessment shows that the request is supportable subject to further detailed clarification and some potential adjustments. Engineering staff will continue to work with the applicant to ensure a successful event.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Yu

Operations Manager

Chinese Taoism Kuan Kung Association

