

**COUNCIL REPORT**

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**TO:** CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2019 March 29

**FROM:** DIRECTOR ENGINEERING **FILE:** 38000-40

**SUBJECT:** AADI POORAM, THER THIRUVIZCHA (CHARIOT) FESTIVAL

**PURPOSE:** To seek Council approval for a parade on Saturday, 2019 August 03.

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**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

1. **THAT** Council approve the parade as discussed in this report.
2. **THAT** the coordinator of the event, Thirumagan Thiruchelvam, Secretary, of the Arul Migu Thurkadevi Hindu Society, 7468 Edmonds St, Burnaby BC V3N 1B2, be sent a copy of this report.

**REPORT****INTRODUCTION**

A request to use City streets for a parade on Saturday, 2019 August 03 from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm has been received from Masilamani Maruthamoorthy, President and Event Coordinator of the Arul Migu Thurkadevi Hindu Society. Council approval of a parade is required by the *Street & Traffic Bylaw*.

**POLICY SECTION**

The Aadi Pooram, Ther Thiruvizcha (Chariot) Festival is aligned with the City of Burnaby's Corporate Strategic Plan by supporting the following goals and sub-goals of the Plan.

**Goal**

- A Connected Community
  - Social connection –  
Enhance social connections throughout Burnaby
- An Inclusive Community
  - Create a sense of community –  
Provide opportunities that encourage and welcome all community members and create a sense of belonging
- A Healthy Community
  - Community involvement –Encourage residents and businesses to give back to and invest in the community

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## DISCUSSION

The Arul Migu Thirkadevi Hindu Society wishes to pull a small chariot (6 feet wide) around the block of the Society's assembly hall as part of their annual Aadi Pooram, Ther Thiruvizcha (Chariot) Festival. The hall is located at 7468 Edmonds St and the proposed parade will start at the hall at 6:30 pm going north on Edmonds St to Mary Ave, right on Mary Ave to 19<sup>th</sup> Ave, right on 19<sup>th</sup> Ave to Humphries Ave, right on Humphries Ave to Edmonds St, and right on Edmonds St to the Society's hall, finishing at approximately 10:00pm (see *Attachment #1*). The moving road closures would start at 6:00pm and finish at 11:00pm to allow time for setup and cleanup.

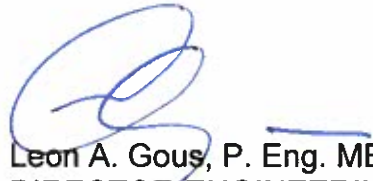
The parade organizers will be required to arrange for the delivery, installation and removal of all necessary traffic control equipment (i.e. barricades, cones, stanchions), certified traffic control personnel (TCP's) who will be stationed at Mary Ave and Edmonds St and at Humphries Ave and Edmonds St to control traffic, at their cost. The organizers are expecting about 500 members to attend this year's parade.

The organizers are aware that approval is subject to the following conditions:

1. That the parade be conducted under the supervision of one person as marshal or organizer.
2. That all participants be instructed to respect the rights and property of the individuals encountered en route.
3. That the parade be covered with liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$2 million with the City of Burnaby named as co-insured, and that the insurance policy include a 30 day cancellation notice and a cross liability clause.
4. That a signed copy of the "City of Burnaby Permit For Short Term Use and Occupancy Of City Lands" be received no later than one week prior to the event.
5. That the organizers send out letters to the residents who are affected by the road closures 14 days in advance.
6. That the organizers are responsible for arranging for barricade volunteers for all barricade locations.
7. All emergency services, bus services, etc. are advised of said event 14 days in advance.

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For the protection of the parade participants along Edmonds St, the east half of Edmonds St will be closed between Humphries Ave and Mary Ave for the duration the parade is travelling along Edmonds. During this time, northbound and southbound traffic will be routed onto the western half of Edmonds St.



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Attachment

Copied to: Director Corporate Services  
Director Public Safety & Community Services  
RCMP – OIC Burnaby Detachment Chief Supt. Deanne Burleigh  
Fire Chief Joe Robertson  
BC Ambulance Special Operations via email EMSO@bcehs.ca  
Emergency Program Coordinator – Charmaine Pflugrath

