
TO: ACTING CITY MANAGER **DATE:** 2021 July 02
FROM: DIRECTOR ENGINEERING **FILE:** 37500-03
SUBJECT: AADI POORAM, THER THIRUVIZCHA (CHARIOT) FESTIVAL 2021
PURPOSE: To seek Council approval for a parade on Tuesday, 2021 August 10.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. **THAT** Council approve the parade as discussed in this report subject to Phase 3 of BC's Restart plan and the current COVID-19 Guidelines.
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 Tuesday, 2021 August 10 from 6:00 pm to 11:00 pm has been received from Thirumagan Thiruchelvam, Secretary, of the Arul Migu Thurkadevi Hindu Society. Council approval of a parade is required by the *Street & Traffic Bylaw*. This request is being submitted in light of Phase 3 of BC's Reopening plan which allows organized gatherings such as fairs and festivals to operate with a Communicable Disease Plan in place.

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

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- A Healthy Community
 - Community involvement –Encourage residents and businesses to give back to and invest in the community

DISCUSSION

The Arul Migu Thurkadevi 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 Street and the proposed parade will start at the hall at 6:30 pm going north on Edmonds Street to Mary Avenue, right on Mary Avenue to 19th Avenue, right on 19th Avenue to Humphries Avenue, right on Humphries Avenue to Edmonds Street, and right on Edmonds Street 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 Avenue and Edmonds Street and at Humphries Avenue and Edmonds Street to control traffic, at their cost. The organizers are expecting about 300 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 \$5 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.

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7. That the organizers are responsible for retaining a traffic control company to produce a traffic management plan and provide Traffic Control Personnel to redirect traffic.
8. All emergency services, bus services, etc. are advised of said event 14 days in advance.
9. That the organizers follow all Public Health Guidelines regarding COVID-19 and produce a Communicable Disease Plan for the parade.

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



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Attachment

Copied to: Director Corporate Services
Director Public Safety & Community Services
RCMP – OIC Burnaby Detachment Graham de la Gorgendiere
Fire Chief Chris Bowcock
BC Ambulance Special Operations via email EMSO@bcehs.ca
Emergency Program Coordinator – Charmaine Pflugrath



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