

**TO:** MAYOR & COUNCILLORS  
**FROM:** COUNCILLOR CALENDINO  
**SUBJECT: CAR FREE SUNDAYS**  
**PURPOSE:** To implement car free Sundays.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

**THAT** staff explore the feasibility and advisability of implementing a car free Sunday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. from mid-May to mid-September at least once a month on a rotating basis in the following major commercial corridors or portions thereof:

- a) Hastings Street from Boundary Road to Gamma Avenue (may coincide with Hats Off Day)
- b) Kingsway from Patterson Avenue to Royal Oak Avenue
- c) Edmonds Street between Kingsway and Canada Way
- d) 6<sup>th</sup> Street between Edmonds Street and 10<sup>th</sup> Avenue
- e) Central Boulevard (may coincide with July 1<sup>st</sup> Street Fest);

**THAT** the car free street be for the use of pedestrians, alternate mobility users (active transportation), roller skaters, vendors, entertainers, food trucks and local businesses to expand their business onto sidewalk or curbside; and

**THAT** businesses in the affected corridors be canvassed for their input on the initiative.

### **BACKGROUND**

As a City aspiring to be world class, dedicating streets in historical or commercial centres to pedestrians and other mobility users only done in most major world class cities around the world.

### **FINANCIAL IMPACTS**

Not applicable.

### **DISCUSSION**

To invite Burnaby residents to come out of their houses and congregate without the danger of traffic; to encourage active transportation like walking, cycling, rolling, as well

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as dancing etc. on the street free of auto traffic; to encourage businesses to extend their business onto the sidewalk for the benefit of residents; to create a stronger sense of community and of belonging; to positively contribute to climate change action by reducing the use of the auto and thus reduction of GHGs.

Respectfully submitted,

COUNCILLOR CALENDINO

**ATTACHMENTS**

N/A