

**Date:** 2023-04-12

**Subject:** **Special Event Road Closure–2023 Rotary Rib and Roll (Ward 3)**

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**Report Number:** Public Works & Engineering-2023-349

**Recommendations:**

1. That the report titled: **Special Event Road Closure–2023 Rotary Rib and Roll (Ward 3) – (R349/2023)** to the Committee of Council meeting of May 10, 2023 be received; and,
2. That the closure of Wellington Street West between Main Street South and George Street South from 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 26, 2023, to 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, May 28, 2023 be approved.

**Overview:**

- **Organizers of the 2023 Rotary Rib and Roll event have requested a road closure of Wellington Street West between George Street South and Main Street South from 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 26, 2023, to 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, May 28, 2023.**
- **Police, Transit, Fire and the Road Maintenance, Operations and Fleet Division have been notified of the proposed closure and have expressed no concern in this regard provided emergency access be maintained at all times.**
- **The temporary closure of Wellington Street West is recommended for approval, subject to standard permit requirements.**

## Background:

The organizers of the Rotary Rib and Roll event have requested the closure of the following roadway from Friday, May 26, 2023 to Sunday, May 28, 2023 in downtown Brampton:

Location	Between	Date and Times
Wellington Street West	George Street South and Main Street South	Friday, May 26, 2023 (9:00 a.m.) to Sunday, May 28, 2023 (11:59 p.m.)

## Current Situation:

Wellington Street West is utilized as an area for the vendors (“ribbers”), which requires a road closure from 9:00 a.m. on Friday, May 26, 2023 through to 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, May 28, 2023. The following is a list of the benefits of having the vendors set up on Wellington Street West, as opposed to Gage Park:

- Minimizing the impact to the turf at Gage Park;
- Accommodate the growth of the event;
- Improve efficiency for the vendors (food supplies will no longer need to be transported through the park); and
- Provide a safe central area for vendors to set up their equipment, receive deliveries and to store large event vehicles.

Road Maintenance, Operations and Fleet staff noted the following potential impacts of the Friday, May 26, 2023 closure from a Traffic Services perspective:

- Limited access to and from George Street South (and City Hall/West Tower);
- Re-routing of transit; and
- Non-local traffic being forced into residential neighbourhoods.

The aforementioned traffic related issues have been minimized during previous events by using the same road closures for each event and proper notification being given to City staff (working out of City Hall/West Tower), residents and business owners. Therefore, staff recommends that this year’s closures be approved, provided the event organizers produce the required notification, as done for previous events.

Police, Fire, Transit and the Road Maintenance, Operations and Fleet Division have been contacted for possible comments with respect to the closure. Provided emergency access is maintained at all times, no objection to this event has been received.

Standard permit requirements will apply.

## **Corporate Implications:**

### Financial Implications:

All costs associated with the road closure requirements for the Rotary Rib and Roll Event will be the responsibility of the applicant.

### Other Implications:

The recommended road closure will impact the delivery of service by providers such as Fire and Emergency Services, Brampton Transit and Roads Maintenance and Operations. The impact of closing Wellington Street West during a typical weekday will be minimized with proper notification.

## **Strategic Plan:**

This report achieves the Growth Management Priority of the Strategic Plan by creating connected spaces in the heart of the city for people to live, work and play. The road closure will provide a safe area for the 2023 Rotary Rib and Roll event which annually draws visitors to the Downtown core.

### Living the Mosaic – 2040 Vision:

This report directly aligns with the vision that Brampton will be a mosaic of sustainable urban places, complete neighbourhoods and safe, integrated transportation.

## **Conclusion:**

The temporary closure of Wellington Street West, from George Street South to Main Street South, is required to provide a safe area for the 2023 Rotary Rib and Roll event scheduled from 9:00 a.m. Friday, May 26, 2023, to 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, May 28, 2023, subject to standard permit requirements.

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**Attachment:**

Figure 1:

2023 Special Event Downtown Road Closure Rotary Rib and Roll – Ward 3  
Wellington St. W between Main St. S to George St. S