



**STAFF REPORT  
ACTION REQUIRED**

**2007 Cavalcade of Lights Program – Agreement with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company**

<b>Date:</b>	May 2, 2007
<b>To:</b>	Economic Development Committee
<b>From:</b>	General Manager, Economic Development, Culture and Tourism
<b>Wards:</b>	Ward 27
<b>Reference Number:</b>	P:\2007\Cluster A\EDCT\ECON DEV\ed0706-015

**SUMMARY**

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This report recommends that Council authorize the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture, and Tourism to enter into a Temporary Use Agreement (Agreement) for 2007 and beyond with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company (CP Rail) to permit use of their property for a Cavalcade of Lights display. The display will occupy the south portion of the CP Rail overpass at Yonge Street within the Rosedale Main Street BIA. A new agreement is required as the BIA is proposing enhancements to the 2006 display.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

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The General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism recommends that:

1. Council authorize the General Manger of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to enter into a Temporary Use Agreement with CP Rail to allow for the installation of a Cavalcade of Light display on the south portion of the CP Rail overpass at Yonge Street, subject to the terms and conditions set out in this report, and in form acceptable to the City Solicitor; and
2. Council authorize the General Manager of Economic Development, Culture and Tourism to execute such future agreements with CP Rail respecting a Cavalcade of Lights display at this location, provided the terms and conditions of the agreements are substantially consistent with the 2007 agreement.

## **Financial Impact**

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

## **BACKGROUND**

The Rosedale Main Street BIA has participated with the Economic Development, Culture and Tourism Division in the Cavalcade of Lights Program since 2005. The BIA's display consists of a custom-designed, 15-metre high Christmas tree located on the southerly portion of the CP Rail overpass at Yonge Street, immediately north of Scrivener Square. For 2007, the BIA plans to enhance the display by adding additional lighting to the arches of the bridge over the pedestrian walkway and may also consider increasing the height of the Christmas tree display. In order to permit the enhanced display, CP Rail requires a new Agreement to allow contractors to enter the property and install, maintain, repair, operate and remove the temporary display.

## **COMMENTS**

The Cavalcade of Lights Program has proven to be very popular with the City's BIAs, residents and visitors. The Rosedale Main Street BIA's Christmas tree display has been particularly well received. In order for the BIA to continue taking part in the 2007 Cavalcade Program, a new agreement between the City and CP Rail is required to install the BIA's decorations on the CP Rail overpass and pedestrian walkway arches.

The one year agreement will be similar to that executed by the City in 2005 and 2006, including terms and conditions respecting, but not limited to: adherence to construction codes, standards and regulation; CP Rail supervision during display installation/removal; claims for injury, loss or damage; insurance; and agreement termination. The agreement is to be at nominal consideration and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor.

The expansion of the BIA's Cavalcade of Lights display beneath the bridge pedestrian walkway arches in 2007 will be cost-shared by the BIA and the City. The BIA is fully responsible for installation and removal costs of the original Christmas tree display.

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## **SIGNATURE**

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