



REPORT FOR ACTION

Eastbound F. G. Gardiner Expressway and Northbound Don Valley Parkway Closures – 2019, 2020 and 2021 Toronto Triathlon Festival

Date: March 4, 2019

To: Infrastructure and Environment Committee

From: General Manager, Transportation Services

Wards: Wards 4, 10, 13, 14, 16, 19

SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to seek City Council's authority to close portions of the eastbound lanes on the F.G. Gardiner Expressway and northbound lanes on the Don Valley Parkway for the Toronto Triathlon Festival event for 2019, 2020 and 2021. The proposed route and time of year of the 2019, 2020 and 2021 Toronto Triathlon Festival event will remain the same as 2018.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The General Manager, Transportation Services recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the closure of the F.G. Gardiner Expressway, eastbound lanes only, from the Humber River to the Don Valley Parkway, including all ramps, and the Don Valley Parkway, northbound lanes only, from the F.G. Gardiner Expressway to Eglinton Avenue East, including all ramps, on the Sundays of, July 21, 2019, July 19, 2020 and July 18, 2021 from 2:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m., for the 2019, 2020 and 2021 Toronto Triathlon Festival event;
2. City Council prohibit other road closures due to events or film permits on arterial roads bounded by Highway 401, Warden Avenue, Lake Ontario, Humber River, Queen Street/The Queensway, and Yonge Street, as they will be required to accommodate overflow traffic from the expressway closures resulting from the 2019, 2020 and 2021 Toronto Triathlon Festival event; and
3. City Council require the organizer to pay, within 90 days of the City issuing an invoice, any costs incurred to the City to secure the work zones along the F. G. Gardiner Expressway during the F. G. Gardiner Expressway rehabilitation work.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

The permit costs for the 2018 Toronto Triathlon Festival event totalled approximately \$30,500. The event organizers will be responsible for the full costs associated with the Toronto Triathlon Festival 2019, 2020 and 2021 events. There are no direct budgetary implications to the City.

The Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer has reviewed this report and agrees with the financial impact information.

DECISION HISTORY

Toronto and East York Community Council at its meeting of March 31, 2016, by adoption of PW11.9, authorized the closure of the F.G. Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway for the Toronto Triathlon Festival 2017 and 2018 events and prohibited road closures due to event or film permits on surrounding arterial roads in order to accommodate overflow traffic.

<http://app.toronto.ca/tmmis/viewAgendaItemHistory.do?item=2016.PW11.9>

COMMENTS

Municipal Code Chapter 937-4, Temporary Closing of Highways, requires the General Manager of Transportation Services to obtain Council authority to temporarily close the F. G. Gardiner Expressway and the Don Valley Parkway.

The Toronto Triathlon Festival (TTF) has proven to be a successful signature event with the City of Toronto, with a corresponding growth in popularity and economic benefit since its inception in 2012.

Since 2012, City staff and related stakeholders have reported that the TTF has operated effectively and has generated minimal public concern regarding the operation of the festival and its related road closures.

The proposed route and times for the 2019, 2020 and 2021 TTF will remain the same as 2018:

1. F.G. Gardiner Expressway, eastbound lanes only, from the Humber River to the Don Valley Parkway;
2. The Don Valley Parkway, northbound lanes only, from the F.G. Gardiner Expressway to Eglinton Avenue East; and
3. Lake Shore Blvd West, eastbound curb lane, from Budapest Lane to New Brunswick Way/Remembrance Drive.

The governing body of the sport, Triathlon Canada has awarded the TTF the Canadian

National Championships Sprint and Olympic Distances designation. This designation will continue to enhance the festival's profile across Canada and internationally, while assisting in growing the event participation numbers.

The applicant is responsible for extensive public notification and bearing the costs associated with the installation and removal of advance and event-day traffic signing, barricades, security, and policing services. Increased advance advisory signing has reduced the number of complaints on the day of the event.

Over the course of the next few years, the Gardiner Expressway will be undergoing rehabilitation as part of the multi-phase Gardiner Strategic Rehabilitation Plan. The first contract (Section 1- Contract No. 18ECS-TI-01GE) will commence this year (2019) between Jarvis Street and Cherry Street. Subsequent contracts will be initiated to address the remaining rehabilitation needs of the Expressway. As a result of the rehabilitation work, there may be additional costs to the City to secure the work zones in order to provide a safe passage for pedestrians/cyclists on the Expressway through their work zone in advance of the event. Transportation Services staff will require that the organizer be required to pay for these additional costs and that these costs be paid within 90 days of the City issuing an invoice. Staff have informed the event organizer of this requirement.

A copy of the 2019, 2020 and 2021 Toronto Triathlon Festival route map is shown on Attachment 1.

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ATTACHMENTS

Attachment 1: 2019, 2020 & 2021 Toronto Triathlon Festival Route Map

ATTACHMENT 1: 2019, 2020 & 2021 TORONTO TRIATHLON FESTIVAL ROUTE MAP

