



Date: February 10, 2025
To: Mayor and Council
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RE: 2025 - Canada Day, Truth and Reconciliation Road Closures

RECOMMENDED ACTION

That Council **approve** the closure of Jasperson Lane (old Jasperson) to traffic on July 1, 2025, from 12:00 pm to 9:00 pm for Canada Day events;

And that Council **approve** the closure of Jasperson Lane (old Jasperson) to traffic on September 30, 2025, from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm for the National Day of Truth and Reconciliation event.

BACKGROUND

Jasperson Lane is a dead-end road east of the Kingsville Recreation Complex. While not a busy road it does create safety concerns for both Canada Day and National Day of Truth and Reconciliation.

Administration is proposing to close Jasperson Lane for the duration of these two events for the safety of attendees.

DISCUSSION

Canada Day 2025

Canada Day in 2025 will be held on Tuesday, July 1. As in previous years, the 2025 Canada Day event will be held outdoors at the Kingsville Recreation Complex. The event will include opening ceremonies, free cupcakes, main stage entertainment, food and merchandise vendors, children's games, bouncy castles, and ending with fireworks.

Jasperson Lane is used for the purposes of Kingsville Express train rides, as well as a right-of-way for pedestrians to cross from the Kingsville Recreation Complex's parking lot to the event area.

To ensure the safety of those attending and knowing that people will be walking between the front of the arena and the sports field, it is recommended a portion of

Jasperson Lane be fully closed to the public. The entry to the Kingsville Recreation Complex parking lot off Jasperson Dr. will remain open.

There will be barricade monitors who will help direct people and allow vendors to come in for set-up. There will be no activities planned directly on the road, except for the travel of the Kingsville Express Train, so access for emergency personnel will always be available.

The road will be reopened prior to the fireworks ending, allowing for more efficient flow of traffic after the fireworks are over.

National Day of Truth and Reconciliation

The National Day of Truth and Reconciliation is on Tuesday, September 30. A walk from Erie Migration District School is being planned again for 2025. Much of the route uses sidewalks. However, a portion of the walk is held on Jasperson Lane which only has the gravel parking lot on the east side of the road as a walkway.

To ensure the safety of those attending, staff recommend that the full length of Jasperson Lane be fully closed to the public for the duration of the walk. The entry to the Kingsville Recreation Complex parking lot off Jasperson Dr. will remain open.

There is one house that will be impacted by these road closures. Administration will alert the resident to these closures three weeks prior to the event. They will be able to exit and enter the road, at a slow speed, at any time with the support of the barricade monitors.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

None

CONSULTATIONS

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