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## MEMORANDUM

March 25, 2025

TO: Mayor and Council

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FROM: Lon LaClaire  
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SUBJECT: Davie Village and Vancouver Pride Celebrations

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This memo is in response to a request to report back on "[Bringing Back the Block Party: Supporting Davie Village and Vancouver Pride Celebrations](#)" raised by Council on February 26, 2025.

Film and Special Events (FASE) and Street Use Management Branches in Engineering Services have begun conversations with the West End Business Improvement Association (WEBIA) regarding the Davie Street Block Party. The event, as proposed by WEBIA, fits within the current special event process, and the following information has been shared:

1. Staff can assist with development of a traffic management plan for the closures (required documentation).
2. The event as proposed will qualify for the City's Festshare program which provides in-kind support to cover up to 75 per cent of City operational services costs (up to \$75,000). (An event such as this would typically incur substantial charges such as policing, signage, sanitation and other services that are partially covered by the Festshare program.)

3. Existing guidelines for special events allow for businesses to expand their patio footprints within the permitted road closure. For liquor serving businesses that wish to temporarily expand their patio footprint during a special event, the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Board (LCRB) also has an existing process through the Temporary Expanded License Area (TELA). In conjunction with the LCRB temporary expansion application process, Development Building and Licensing (DBL) has an existing process that supports added seats for these temporary changes without washroom review. Provided that the special event organizer and businesses work within existing guidelines and processes, no regulatory exceptions should be needed to support expanded patio footprints with temporary licensing and added seats for the Davie Street Block Party.
4. The City's special event permitting process includes coordination with Vancouver Fire Rescue, Vancouver Police Department, Translink and others as appropriate. FASE holds regular meetings with applicable stakeholders leading up to the event. This collaborative approach allows for staff to support event organisers by streamlining multijurisdictional reviews of the event, eliminating the need for organisers to have to approach each entity individually.
5. Currently there is an application for the annual Pride Festival that is under review by staff. Although the Davie Block Party is independent of Pride, it is considered a "sibling" event in that the festivals are both taking place in honour of Pride weekend, in the same neighborhood and on the same days. FASE will work with both organisers collaboratively and efficiently.

The Vancouver Pride Festival and Davie Street Block Party are important celebrations of diversity and inclusion enhancing the vibrancy and spirit of the community. The Davie Street Block Party is on track to proceed successfully within the current special event permitting framework. The City will continue to work closely with WEBIA and other stakeholders to ensure that organisers are supported throughout the permitting process.

If you have any questions, please contact me directly.



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