

Directed to: Mayor Joe Preston and Members of City Council

Meeting Date:
April 7, 2025

Department: Environmental Services

Attachment

Prepared By: Matthew Vriens, Manager of Transportation and Bylaw

Subject: Railway City Road Race 2025 – Road Closure Request

Recommendation:

THAT: Report ES12-25 relating to Railway City Road Race 2025 – Road Closure Request be received; and further,

THAT: Council authorize the road closures as outlined in ES12-25, and further;

THAT: The Railway City Road Race event organizers coordinate the safe operation of the traffic control points recommended in ES12-25.

Background:

A Special Event Permit Application was received from the organizers of the Railway City Road Race Special Event. The event requires road closures and traffic control at certain points along the designated routes. The Special Events Committee passed a resolution on February 5th 2025 giving full support for the event subject to all requirements being met.

Subject to Council approval, the Railway City Road Race will be held Sunday September 28th 2025 and consists of a Half Marathon (21.1km), a 5km, and a 10km Walk/Run as well as a 1km kids Fun Run, with funds donated to charity. The first race will start at 8:30 am followed at 9:00 am for the subsequent events from CASO Station. Earlier road closure times are to allow for set-up. All participants are to follow the existing rules of the road. There are traffic control points along the race route that require road closures, traffic control or monitoring. Event organizers will arrange for St. Thomas Police Service, and City Staff to assist with the requirements.

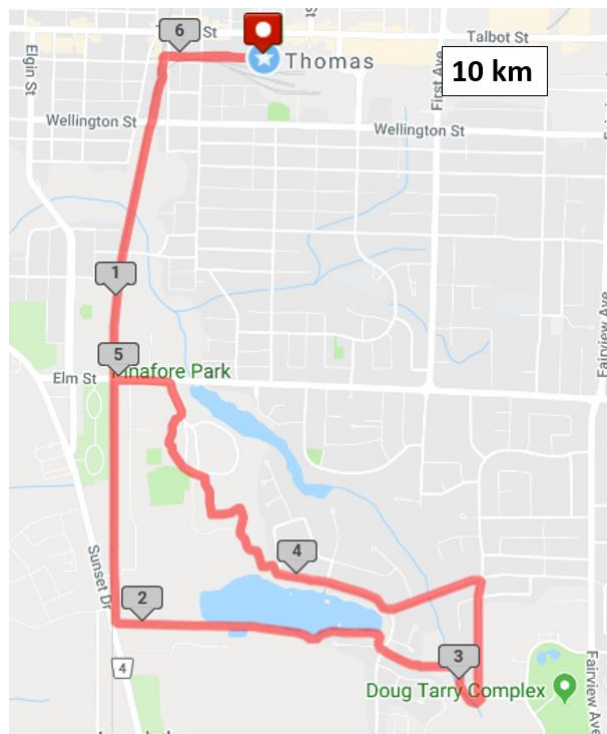
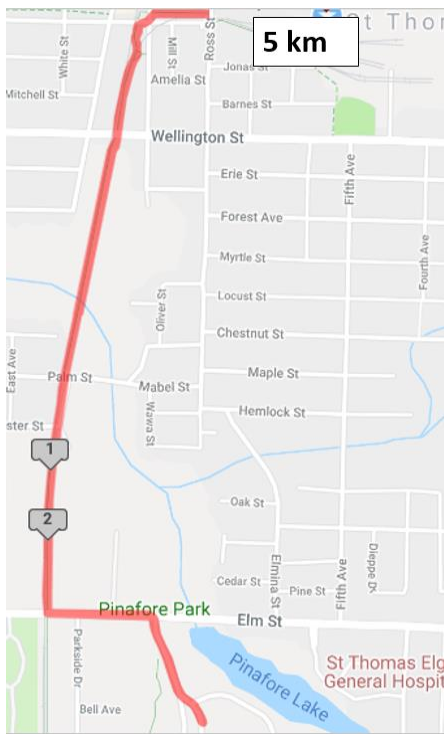
Event organizers will be required to notify all residents and facilities that are impacted by this event.

Analysis:

The road closures, traffic control points and recommended requirements are as follows:

Traffic Control Point	Location	Management
a	Ross St. (Between Talbot St. And Centre St.)	Road Closure from 6am-1pm
b	Moore St. (Just North of Trail to Amelia St.)	Road Closure from 6am-1pm
c	Centre St. (Between Princess Ave and Ross St.)	Road Closure from 6am-1pm
d	Centre St. at Princess Ave	STPS to control traffic from 8:30am-9am
e	Centre St. at Elgin St.	STPS to control traffic from 8:30am-9am
f	Centre St. at Stanley St.	STPS to control traffic from 8:30am-9am
g	Centre St at White St., Southwick St., Hincks St., Metcalfe., Queen St., William St., Church St., and King St.	Controlled by Stop signs. Volunteers be present to remind runners to follow Rules of the Road and cross safely.
h	Wellington St. (Between Princess Ave and Moore St. at Trail Crossing)	STPS to control traffic from 8:30am- 12:30pm.
i	Palm St. and Victor Dr. (where pathway crosses Palm St.)	STPS to control traffic for duration of event 8:45am - 12:30pm.
j	Victor Dr. (Between Palm St. and Chester St.)	Road Closure from 8am-1pm
k	Chester St. (Between East Side of Arena Entrance and Victor St.)	Road Closure from 8am-1pm (Local traffic only sign at East Ave and Chester)

Traffic Control Point	Location	Management
l	Elm St. (From Wilson Ave to Elmina)	Road Closure from 7am -10am to all Traffic Except Emergency Services. At 10am the northern lane and the middle lane will be open to two way traffic. The southern lane will be used by runners until 12:30pm. STPS will monitor traffic on Elm St.
m	Elm St. at Parkside Dr.	Road Access Closure from 7am-12:30pm. Traffic on Parkside to exit on Sunset Dr.
n	Entrance to Parkside Collegiate and Railway Trail	Volunteers be present to remind runners to follow Rules of the Road and cross safely. 8:30am-10am
o	Angus McKenzie Trail and Lake Margaret Trail	Monitored by crosswalk with flashing lights and Volunteers be present to remind runners to follow Rules of the Road and cross safely
p	Bill Martin Parkway (South of Entrance to the Fanshawe parking lot – Southdale Line)	Road Closure from 8am-12pm. Event organizers to ensure that this closure doesn't affect any activities scheduled at the schools or sports fields located on Bill Martin Parkway
q	Trail to the South of Doug Tarry Sports Complex and Fairview Ave	Monitored by crosswalk with flashing lights. Volunteers be present to remind runners to follow Rules of the Road and cross safely
r	Faith Church Driveway and Southdale	Volunteers be present to remind runners to follow Rules of the Road and cross safely.
s	Trail at intersection of Penhale Ave and Southdale	Controlled by Stop signs. Volunteers be present to remind runners to follow Rules of the Road and cross safely.
t	Trail at intersection of Peach Tree Blvd. and Southdale Line	Controlled by Stop signs. Volunteers be present to remind runners to follow Rules of the Road and cross safely.
u	Trail at Empire Pkwy, and Trail at Pear Tree Ave	Volunteers be present to remind runners to follow Rules of the Road and cross safely.
v	Renaissance Dr. at Oxford Terrace, Auburn Dr., Harlequin Ct.,	Volunteers be present to remind runners to follow Rules of the Road and cross safely.
w	Sauve Ave at Harrington Crescent (Both Intersections) and Galbraith Ct.	Volunteers be present to remind runners to follow Rules of the Road and cross safely.
x	Intersection of Lake Margaret Trail and Axford Parkway	Controlled by Stop Signs. Volunteers to be present to remind runners to follow Rules of the Road and cross safely.
z	Inside Pinafore Park, the intersection of the interior loop and the roadway leading to the back of the park near Emslie Field	Signage and Volunteers directing runners
* All Traffic Control points that include STPS to be arranged and reviewed between organizers and STPS.		
** Road Closures will be performed by City Staff.		



Strategic Priority:

Strategic Pillar: Excellence in All We Do - Priority #1: Public Safety and Community Well-being

Financial Impact:

The cost of the recommendations within this report can be accommodated within the 2025 Environmental Services Operating Budget.

Respectfully,

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Approved By:

City Manager