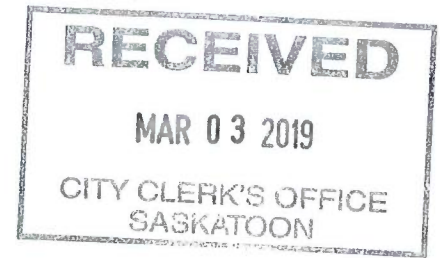


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 Subject: Request for Bridge Closure
 Meeting (if known): SPC Transportation
 Comments:

The Saskatoon Fireworks Festival will be held on August 30 and 31, 2019 -as always the Friday and Saturday of the Labour Day Weekend. This event has been happening along the Meewasin Valley in River Landing, Friendship Park and Rotary Park for more than 10 years. For the past 8 years, we have been using various configurations for the fireworks display from shooting off the Broadway Bridge (our ideal) to barges on the river between the Traffic Bridge and the Idylwyld Bridge. Shooting off barges was an interim measure as Traffic Bridge construction limited the sight lines for the Broadway Bridge. We are very familiar with the site, the EMO operations around the festival and the various configurations that work to make a successful festival at this location.

This year, we are requesting the closure of both the Broadway Bridge and the Traffic Bridge to stage the Saskatoon Fireworks Festival.

We would like to move back to our premium layout and use the Broadway Bridge as the stage for shooting the fireworks. This allows for the maximum access for spectators to watch the shows and reduces congestion in the area concentrated around River Landing. The fireworks show timelines for both Friday and Saturday are as follows:

- Preliminary set up - The fireworks trailers are staged on Spadina Crescent between Broadway Bridge to the north side of the intersection of 3rd Avenue and Spadina Crescent. We require a road closure of that area from Wednesday, August 28 through to Sunday Sept 1.
- The Bridge is closed to traffic at 6:45 PM each night. Trailers are pulled on to the Broadway Bridge at 7 pm accompanied by a police escort.
- The fireworks show goes off at 9:30 PM.
- Trailers are removed from the bridge after hot spots have cooled down (approx. 10:30 pm)
- Street cleaners clean the bridge at approximately 11:00 PM.
- Bridge is open to for regular traffic as soon as the street cleaners have finished their work.
- If either Friday or Saturday gets weathered out, Sunday, September 1st is our back up day (for the fireworks only). Other programming runs only on Friday and Saturday.

The new completed Traffic Bridge was designed to be accommodate festivals and events. We would like to show this off during the Saskatoon Fireworks Festival. This Bridge would be closed for viewing the fireworks shows, hosting programming, and accommodating food trucks in the lead up to the fireworks shows. We would close the Traffic Bridge on Friday, August 30 at 8 AM and re open on Saturday, August 31 at

midnight. Closing this bridge also removes the problem of a stream of traffic going right through the festival site.

Thank you for considering this request.

Kim Ali

Festival Director

Saskatoon Fireworks Festival

Attachments:

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

<https://www.saskatoon.ca/node/398/submission/288014>