

Proposed By-law Amendments

1. Amend the definitions of “Applicant” and “Permit Holder” to say that private property owners on whose property a special event takes place shall also be deemed to be Applicants and Permit Holders for purposes of the By-law.
2. Define “Public Boulevard” as that part of a Highway that is not used, or intended to be used, for vehicular travel by the general public, and is situated between the travelled portion of the road and the adjoining property line, including the 0.3 metre reserve, where applicable.
3. Clarify that only a Person, as defined, may apply for a Special Event Permit.
4. Clarify that as part of an application for a Special Event that makes use of a Highway or Public Boulevard, a deposit shall be required as set out in the Fees and Charges By-law.
5. Clarify that such deposits shall be applied to any damages or to any other costs incurred by the City to bring the Highway or Public Boulevard back to its condition prior to the event.
6. Clarify that application fees are non-refundable and must be paid before the application is processed.
7. Clarify that an application that is not fully received within the required time frame (of 15 business days) may be processed but the Applicant or any other affected parties shall not have any recourse if the permit cannot be issued in time for the event.
8. Add a section to the By-law that requires applicants to provide the maximum number of attendees to be present at the event at any given time and that requires permit holders to not exceed this number.
9. Add a requirement in Section 8 of the current By-law that where the Applicant is not a natural individual, proof of legal status shall be required (e.g., articles of incorporation).
10. Add a requirement in Section 8 of the current By-law that requires Applicants who are intending to use a City Facility to provide a tentative Rental Contract.

11. Add a requirement to Section 8 of the current By-law that requires Applicants to provide proof that the required number of York Regional Police Officers have been arranged and secured for the proposed event.
12. Add a requirement to Section 8 of the current By-law that requires Applicants to provide a copy of the Special Occasion Permit or the Liquor Licence of the venue, as issued by the Alcohol and Gaming Commission, if alcohol is being served at the proposed event.
13. Clarify that in Section 8 of the current By-law, where the venue for a special event is on private property, the Director may require from the private property owner that written authorization be provided for the event.
14. Clarify in Section 11 of the current By-law, that an Applicant must prove that all conditions of the **application and/or** permit have been met.
15. Clarify in Section 12 of the current By-law, that a permit may be refused, suspended or revoked if the Applicant has not met, or there are reasonable grounds that the Applicant will not meet, **the conditions necessary to obtain a permit or** the conditions set out in the permit or if the Applicant furnishes any information on the application that is false or inaccurate.
16. Amend Section 17 of the current By-law so that a Special Event shall not:
 - (a) run for more than four consecutive days;
 - (b) be eligible for a permit within 30 days of the issue of a Special Event permit for the same event;
 - (c) be eligible for more than 12 Special Event permits for the same event within any 12-month period.
17. Add a provision that clarifies that for purposes of Section 17 of the current By-law, a Special Event shall be considered to be the same event if any of the following apply:
 - (a) the Applicant is the same Person as the Permit Holder for a previous event of the same nature;
 - (b) any of the event organizers or sponsors were Permit Holders for a previous event of the same nature;
 - (c) the advertising or communication for the event is in any way associated with any other previous event of the same nature.

18. Add a definition for “Same Nature” in the context of the above provision that means having the same or similar theme or subject matter.
19. Clarify Section 18 of the current By-law by requiring every Permit Holder **or Person required to be permitted under the By-law** and every Person acting on behalf of the Permit Holder **or the Person required to be permitted under the By-law** to meet the conditions therein.
20. Add to Section 18 of the current By-law a condition that ensures that the Special Event comply with all applicable law.
21. Add a provision that, subject to the City’s delegation By-law, the Director may close streets or parts thereof if doing so is in the public interest and required to effectively enforce any of the provisions of the Special Events By-law.
22. Amend the City’s Delegation By-law by adding a provision that gives the Director, By-law & Compliance, Licensing & Permit Services, the authority to close streets or parts thereof, and/or erect temporary signage prohibiting or otherwise regulating parking, with respect to events permitted or required to be permitted under the City’s Special Events By-law.
23. Clarify that for purposes of Subsection 28(c) of the current By-law respecting special fines, gross revenue shall be calculated on the basis of advertised ticket prices or other admission fees multiplied by the advertised number of tickets or admissions available.
24. Amend the City’s Fees and Charges By-law, Schedule “I” by adding fees and deposits for 2021, as follows:

Special event permit – up to 250 people	\$ 56
Special event permit – 251 to 500 people	\$ 113
Special event permit – 501 to 1,000 people	\$ 225
Special event permit – more than 1,000 people	\$ 450
Special event damage deposit – up to 250 people	\$ 1,000
Special event damage deposit – 251 to 500 people	\$ 2,500
Special event damage deposit – 501 to 1,000 people	\$ 5,000
Special event damage deposit – more than 1,000 people	\$ 10,000

25. Further amend the City's Fees and Charges By-law by clarifying that in the context of special event deposits, "attendance" refers to the maximum number of people present at any given time.