



## **Block Party Requests Policy**

**Policy Manual Section:** Municipal Services - General

**Policy Number:** M-GEN-002

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**Department Responsible:** Council Services

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### **Purpose:**

To provide a policy to respond to requests to close streets for block parties.

### **Policy Statement:**

Provides that requests for road closures and/or temporary use of municipal roads, road allowances and rights of way for the purpose of block parties or neighbourhood or community gatherings be denied.

### **Scope:**

Applies to all requests for the temporary use of municipal roads, road allowances and rights of way for block parties and neighbourhood/community gatherings.

### **Policy:**

From time to time the Town has been approached about the possibility of temporarily closing a road to facilitate a block party. Administration was asked to comment on the ramifications should roads be temporarily closed and concerns were raised regarding liability, risk, access for emergency vehicles, damage, barricades, "no parking" signs, noise, and alcohol consumption. For these reasons, Council in 2003 passed resolution 6288/03 providing that all future requests be denied. Administration confirms that the concerns raised in 2003 remain valid. The attached form letter in response to requests will be issued by the Clerk.



**Responsibilities:**

The Director Council Services/Clerk or designate is responsible to post this policy on the Town website and to respond to inquiries from residents.

**Policy Review:**

This policy will be periodically reviewed and updated as required. This policy must be reviewed by the stated review date and approved by the responsible department.

**References and Related Documents:**

Policy # 103

**Attachments:**

Denial letter – road closings/block parties - Appendix “A”



Date

Name/Address of  
Requestor

**Re: Request to hold block party on**

The Town is in receipt of your request to temporarily close **(name of road)** to facilitate a block party on **(date of event)**.

Council policy provides that requests to close roads for block or neighbourhood parties not be entertained due to liability, risk and emergency access issues. Accordingly, your request is denied.

You may wish to consider booking one of LaSalle's parks for this purpose and I would encourage you to visit the Town's website [lasalle.ca](http://lasalle.ca) to view availability.

Regards,

Director Council Services/Clerk