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## **Carnival Licence Application for Royal Canadian International Circus Staff Report to Council**

Report Number: 2025-25

Department(s): Legislative Services

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Meeting Date: April 28, 2025

### **Recommendations**

1. That the report entitled Carnival Licence Application Royal International Circus dated April 28, 2024 be received; and,
2. That Council approve or deny the Carnival Licence for Royal International Circus; and,
3. That Staff be authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to this resolution.

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this report is to obtain Council decision on a Carnival Licence Application for Royal International Circus to host the event from July 21<sup>st</sup>-July 28th, at the Upper Canada Mall 17600 Yonge St.

### **Background**

The Town of Newmarket's [Carnival By-law 2009-78](#) regulates the operation of Carnivals within the Town of Newmarket and requires that any person seeking to operate a Carnival within Town obtain a licence. Section 2.1 of the By-law requires any Carnival be authorized by Council prior to the issuance of a Carnival Licence.

### **Discussion**

The Town's Licensing Division is in receipt of a Carnival Licence Application for Royal Canadian International Circus to host the event from July 21<sup>st</sup>-July 28th, at the Upper

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Canada Mall 17600 Yonge St. The proposed Circus will be in the southwest parking lot area (**see Attachment 1**).

If approved the Circus tent and vendors will be set up and erected from July 21<sup>st</sup> – July 23<sup>rd</sup>, with the Circus being operational from July 24<sup>th</sup>- July 27<sup>th</sup>. Hours of operation for the Carnival are being proposed as follows:

- July 21<sup>st</sup>-July 23<sup>rd</sup> (Setup)
- July 24<sup>th</sup> 7pm (1 show)
- July 25<sup>th</sup> 4pm & 7:30pm (2 shows)
- July 26<sup>th</sup> 12pm, 4pm & 7:30pm (3 shows)
- July 27<sup>th</sup> 1pm & 5pm (2 shows)
- July 28<sup>th</sup> (Teardown)

The Royal Canadian International Circus is proposing a new event in the Town of Newmarket and is seeking Council's approval to operate under a Carnival licence. A representative from the Royal Canadian International Circus will be in attendance virtually at the Committee of the Whole meeting on April 28<sup>th</sup> to answer any questions related to the event.

The shows will run for approximately two hours, including a half-hour intermission. The performances feature only trained circus artists—no animals are involved. The event will not include carnival rides or midway attractions. Music will be limited to the performances inside the circus tent.

The circus tent will be set up in the southwest parking lot of Upper Canada Mall, a significant distance from the nearest residential properties. The applicant has committed to minimizing and controlling noise levels throughout the duration of the event.

If Council grants the Carnival licence, the Town's Licensing Division will conduct regular site inspections to ensure compliance with the Town's Noise By-law and respond promptly to any resident concerns.

## **Consultation**

The Town's Customer Service Department were consulted in the process of reviewing this application.

## **Conclusion**

Town Staff have reviewed the application and confirmed that all required documents have been submitted. Should Council approve this application, the Town's Licensing

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Division will work closely with the applicant to finalize key details and ensure compliance with all applicable Town By-laws.

Licensing Officers will be present and available throughout the Circus' operating hours to address any community concerns and to proactively monitor noise levels.

## **Council Priority Association**

This report aligns with the following Council Priority: Community and Economic Vibrancy

## **Human Resource Considerations**

None.

## **Budget Impact**

The 2025 fee for a Carnival Licence is \$316.10.

## **Attachments**

**Attachment 1** – Upper Canada Map

## **Approval for Submission**

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