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Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

I am writing to inform you that the City will be issuing the below news release tomorrow, Tuesday, April 4, to mark the return of summer patios via the City's Summer Patio Program, which runs from April 1 to October 31, 2023.

At this time, more than 100 summer patio permits have already been issued and we expect many more applications to come in with the return of warmer weather.

We'll be following this spring news next week with related communications on alcohol consumption in public plazas and the start of summer event season with the BMO Marathon and Vaisakhi. We will be posting ongoing about summer season happenings via the City's social media channels and we invite you to share and amplify as you see fit.

Best,  
Paul

**City of Vancouver**  
**News release**  
**April 4, 2023**

## **City welcomes return of patios ahead of busy spring and summer season**

Vancouver's Summer Patio Program launched April 1<sup>st</sup> marking the return of sidewalk and curbside patios across the city. At this time, more than 100 summer patio permits have already been issued and we expect many more applications to come in as warmer weather returns. Summer patios join a growing network of patios that operate year-round.

"As we kick off another patio season in Vancouver, we celebrate not only the warmer weather and the opportunity to enjoy our beautiful city outdoors, but also the economic benefits that patios bring to our local businesses", says Mayor Ken Sim. "Patios are an integral part of the Vancouver we are working to build: a vibrant, livable city that supports local entrepreneurs and encourages community connection. I'm excited to see another summer of Vancouver's thriving patio culture, and the many ways it enriches both our local economy and quality of life."

Since re-thinking, simplifying and expanding our patio program during the COVID-19 pandemic, patios have become an integral part of Vancouver's food industry and outdoor culture.

"The start of patio season is always an exciting milestone for us because it signals the collective shift towards spending more time outdoors and in public spaces," says Lisa Parker, Director of Public Space and Street Use. "Our team is committed to fostering a vibrant public life and supporting community oriented public spaces through special events, plazas and patios. Staff have been working to simplify the patio application and renewal processes, and we are thankful for our ongoing partnerships with the hospitality industry, BIAs, and businesses as we work together to kick off a successful patio season." As summer curbside patios begin to operate all across Vancouver, residents may notice some changes to streets, as concrete barriers and tapers are installed to ensure patios and patrons are safe from vehicle traffic.

[Learn more](#) about the Summer Patio Program.

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