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Subject: Update on patio definitions

Dear Mayor and Council,

City staff are working with urgency to support businesses and advance the directions in their March 30 council motion, in light of the March 29 Public Health Order (PHO).

[The PHO included a definition for a patio](#), which is, "a space completely open to outdoor air on at least two sides." Vancouver Coastal Health has recently reached out to City staff to seek support in publicly communicating this patio definition to aid in restaurant compliance. Staff will explore opportunities to support VCH in their communication of PHO requirements.

In light of the March 30 council motion, we wanted you to be aware of this definition. The motion directed staff to allow existing windbreaks and asked staff to report back on enabling windbreaks at new locations. The provincial definition of patio could seem at odds with that direction.

Current guidelines for temporary patios allow for some provision of windbreaks for large patios ([see page 12 of the program information guide](#)). Updates will be made to ensure reference to current PHO requirements are also included.

As well, staff will report back at a later date as requested on other elements of the March 30 motion.

If you require any additional information regarding this matter, please **contact Lon LaClaire** (Lon.LaClaire@vancouver.ca).

Best,
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