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Good morning Mayor and Council,

In follow up to the information we provided on Tuesday, I can confirm that we intend to launch our expedited application process for patio permits on June 1.

As indicated previously, operators that hold a liquor license are currently required to obtain approval from the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch for any amendments to their license, including expansion of approved service areas to include patios. Earlier this week, the Attorney General confirmed that his Ministry is developing a plan to expedite liquor license amendments to facilitate outdoor service. We do not have the specific details of their approach as yet, but it is possible that the Province could defer approval of such amendments to municipalities.

If and when the Province announces regulatory changes for liquor licensees, we will integrate any revised or expanded mandate for liquor license approvals into our process for expedited approvals.

Best,
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