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Subject: DTES- additional public spaces

Good Morning Mayor and Council:

I am writing to follow-up on a Councillor question (below) regarding expanding public spaces in the DTES.

To support COVID recovery, we have been reallocating road space to create new public space in the form of pop up plazas and Parklets across the city – each site relies on strong community partners to ensure they remain welcoming and safe. In the DTES, so far we have implemented 5 parklets and the monthly one day additional queuing space at Pigeon Park Savings Bank on East Hastings. Staff are currently working on including shade structures in the DTES Parklets that do not have a tree canopy to help offer needed protection. Overall, the feedback from the partners has been exceptionally positive, and staff are working with them for needed changes and adjustments to help these new spaces better support their community group.

There is one more Parklet site in the DTES to be installed in the next few weeks, at the Union Gospel (601 E Hastings). Two additional parklet locations were under review and after detailed discussions with the potential partner, ultimately, the partner decided to ask the City to not proceed at this time.

There are two additional Parklets in process which are not in the downtown eastside, that do provide support to vulnerable populations (Vancouver Recovery Club – Vancouver Coastal Health, 2775 Sophia Street, John Howard Society, 3360 Fraser Street).

We remain in close communication with community partners and ACCS so that we may respond as opportunities for pop up plazas and Parklets are identified. There is the potential for a longer term initiative to support the Downtown Eastside's Womens Centre which will need more detailed discussion.

Best

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From: Swanson, Jean
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 11:40 AM
To: Johnston, Sadhu; Councillors - DL
Subject: FW: Information bulletin: City makes more streets for people with changes to Robson Street

We need some pop up plaza's in the DTES or opened up streets!!! Lets use our equity lense, here. The DTES needs it more than anywhere. Maple Tree square is more in gastown than DTES.

From: City of Vancouver Communications Office [mailto:CityofVancouver.CommunicationsOffice@vancouver.ca]
Sent: Friday, July 17, 2020 10:58 AM
To: Swanson, Jean
Subject: Information bulletin: City makes more streets for people with changes to Robson Street

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Information bulletin
July 17, 2020

City makes more streets for people with changes to Robson Street

To help residents physically distance and to support businesses reopening, we continue to reshape how our streets and public spaces are used.

This week temporary sidewalk and parklet extensions begin to roll out on Robson Street, we continue to seek public input on pop-up plazas, and we have approved 40 additional patio permits.

Making Streets for People - Robson Street

This week changes are coming to Robson Street from Jarvis Street to Burrard Street as we continue to support the reallocation of public space for physical distancing and other activities.

In partnership with the Robson Street Business Association, we are re-purposing the curb lane in key locations to extend sidewalks and existing parklets to provide more space for people to walk, sit, or queue.

The RSBA is working with Vancouver Mural Festival and local artists to enhance the sidewalk extensions by adding art to the concrete barriers which separate these spaces from vehicle traffic.

For more information, visit vancouver.ca/pop-up-plazas

Pop-up plaza survey

As we continue to work with local businesses and Business Improvement Associations to create temporary pop-up plazas, we want to hear from you. Pop-up plazas give people space to eat, visit, rest, or enjoy the weather while maintaining a safe distance from each other.

To date, the City has installed nine pop-up plazas:

- East 27th Ave at Fraser Street
- West 18th Ave at Cambie Street
- West 17th Ave at Cambie Street
- West 14th Ave at Granville Street
- West 13th at Granville Street
- Bute at Alberni
- Bute at Davie (north)

- Helmcken between Hamilton & Mainland
- Carrall St at Maple Tree Square

Your input will help to ensure these spaces are properly maintained, inclusive, comfortable, and serving the community.

For more information on the plazas and to take our survey on how to improve these spaces over time, visit shapeyourcity.ca/pop-up-plazas

Latest patio approvals

Vancouver businesses are in the midst of what is traditionally their busiest season. Temporary patios help to move seating outdoors so that physical distancing requirements can be followed. These patio permits are free to local businesses and are valid until October 31, 2020.

Since launching the program on June 1, we've issued 260 patio permits. Here's a breakdown of the permits received to date:

Status	Public Patios	Private Patios
Approved	210	50
Under Review	19	8
Outside Scope	91	0
Total Received	320	58

For more information on temporary patios and a full list of approved locations, visit vancouver.ca/temporary-patio

Restart and recovery

Vancouverites continue to do a great job of reducing the spread of COVID-19 by staying home and staying put. As we shift into recovery and restart, we are asking you to:

- ☐ Stay strong & keep 2 m apart, do not attend large gatherings, and stay home if you are feeling unwell
- ☐ Stay local & support local businesses and your neighbourhood

For more detailed information about the status of City services and facilities, visit vancouver.ca/covid19

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