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Subject: FW: Upcoming NR: City issues 250+ temporary patio permits, and counting

Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

In response to Councillor Kirby-Yung's enquiry on Friday regarding access to temporary patio permits for retail businesses, I am writing to share the following update from Margaret Wittgens and her team.

Through our engagement with the BIAs, we have heard limited interest in potential retail uses in patios and plazas until last week. Teri Smith reached out on behalf of the larger BIA partnership to seek an update on Wednesday. Engineering staff are meeting with her on Tuesday to learn more about what the BIA interests are and how we can support.

To date, we have had several exploratory conversations which have resulted in the needs being met through one of the established programs (e.g. small patios) or an application has not come forward; in one case the discussion is still underway. Please feel free to pass along more detail if you have specifics on an application that did not go through.

Answers to Councillor Kirby-Yung's specific questions are included below.

Do we have retailer applications pending as indicated?

- We have one application received for which discussion is still underway.

Is it correct none have been approved? If so, why not?

- None have been approved due to lack of applications received and/or needs being accommodated through an established program (small patio).

And have staff communicated this is for restaurant only vs the flexibility included in the amended by-laws?

- Yes we have communicated the flexibility through our discussions with the BIAs. Restaurants are the focus of the temporary expedited patio program since the framework for restaurant patios is well-established; retail uses would follow a different process because they are non-standard and need to be assessed on a case by case basis.

We hope that the meeting with Teri tomorrow will enable us to understand what the needs are and how the City can support. Please let us know if you need further information.

Best,
Paul

From: Kirby-Yung, Sarah

Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 11:06 AM

To: Johnston, Sadhu; Direct to Mayor and Council - DL; Adcock, Jessie

Cc: City Manager's Correspondence Group - DL

Subject: RE: Upcoming NR: City issues 250+ temporary patio permits, and counting

Woot woot!

Phenomenal work. Thank you. Said with great gratitude to all staff involved. I hear great comments and appreciation for the nimbleness and speed of the patio approvals from the sector, as well as enthusiasm from the public for the more engaging, people focused spaces. They are a hit.

One point and concern we're hearing from the Vancouver BIA Partnership is challenges relating to enabling similar use of space for retailers. I know the by-law changes we passed enable that, and I recall specifically asking for confirmation

during the Special Meeting and having staff affirm that is the case. However, we are getting feedback that none have been approved for retail use who also have a need, and further that staff have conveyed (as they put it) that the TEPP is a restaurant program not a retail one.

It seems there may be a disconnect. Can you advise and respond please so I can look back with the BIA. IE.

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Thanks very much in advance,

Sarah

Councillor Sarah Kirby-Yung

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Subject: Upcoming NR: City issues 250+ temporary patio permits, and counting

Greetings Mayor and Council,

The City of Vancouver has approved 290 temporary patio permits since launching the Temporary Expedited Patio Program (TEPP) in June. This program helps support local businesses and provides safe outdoor spaces for residents to enjoy as part of the City's ongoing COVID recovery efforts. A News Release will be distributed today

Best,
Sadhu

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