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Dear Mayor and Council,

The City's pilot of alcohol consumption in designated public spaces starts today and will issue the following information bulletin to remind people of the details. The info bulletin includes a link to our engagement survey, so people can provide feedback.

Best,
Paul

City of Vancouver
Information Bulletin
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Alcohol-consumption pilot launches today

Starting today, people can bring and consume alcohol at four Vancouver locations as part of a temporary pilot program approved by Council.

Alcohol consumption is allowed during specific hours at the following sites:

- Ƨxwλēnēq Xwtl'e7énk Square - Vancouver Art Gallery, North Plaza (12 œ 9 pm)
- Lot 19 - Hornby and W. Hastings (11 am - 9 pm)
- Bute-Robson Plaza (11 am - 9 pm)
- 17th & Cambie Temporary Plaza (11 am - 9 pm)

The goal of the pilot program is to allow people to drink alcohol outside, where physical distancing is easier. This initiative also supports equity for people without access to private outdoor spaces.

It's the latest measure in the City's ongoing response to the impact the COVID-19 pandemic is having on our residents and businesses.

The pilot is being managed and monitored in partnership with local Business improvement Associations (BIAs). The four sites were selected following an invitation to BIAs to submit proposals for suitable sites based on criteria staff established in consultation with the VPD and VCH.

Each site is highly visible and in a high-traffic area, and offers access to food and transit, all of which promotes safety. In partnership with BIAs, the locations will be monitored regularly, so staff can make changes quickly if needed. City staff are working closely with VPD and pilot partners to identify, mitigate, and plan for risks associated with this work.

The pilot was approved by Vancouver City Council on July 29 and will run until mid-October, 2020. People can share their feedback on the pilot by taking a short survey: shapeyourcity.ca/alcohol-in-public-spaces.

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