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Date: 10/16/2020 7:02:06 PM
Subject: RE: Allowing Busking

Dear Mayor and Council,

Thank you for your feedback on the busking program. We understand the impact restricting the busking program has had on performers and the opportunities for cultural expression and enjoyment and don't take these decisions lightly.

Most streets and sidewalks do not have adequate opportunity to allow for a performer, through traffic and physically distanced spectators which has required us to restrict opportunities for busking. Wanting to continue to support street entertainers, the City expanded the "Share a Square" program which provides opportunities for street entertainment in our plazas and closed streets, where more space is available.

The current approach is based on provincial health guidance, public feedback and input from several City departments. We continue to review whether there are opportunities to expand these options and clarify this on our website and with performers.

Best,
Sadhu

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Pronouns: he, him, his



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Agree also.

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From: Swanson, Jean
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2020 10:33 AM
To: Kirby-Yung, Sarah; Direct to Mayor and Council - DL; Johnston, Sadhu; Adcock, Jessie; Mochrie, Paul; Levitt, Karen; Henselmann, Branislav
Subject: RE: Allowing Busking

Agree with Sarah.

From: Kirby-Yung, Sarah
Sent: Monday, October 12, 2020 9:40 AM
To: Direct to Mayor and Council - DL; Johnston, Sadhu; Adcock, Jessie; Mochrie, Paul; Levitt, Karen; Henselmann, Branislav
Subject: Allowing Busking

Hi Sadhu,

I know that busking was prohibited as a pandemic response to avoid people gathering. Recognizing the mental health and social benefit of music as well as support for performers, is there an opportunity to revisit this? If there are protocols about spacing, etc?

I understand there is a call from buskers to lift the ban.

Thanks,

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Skwxw̓ú7mesh (Squamish), and s̓Él̓ilwətaʔ sel̓il̓witul̓ (Tseil-Waututh) nations.