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Subject: FW: Temporary Patios - Unpermitted structures

Good afternoon Mayor and Council,

I am forwarding the following message from Margaret Wittgens for your information. Per Margaret's note, we are aware of numerous instances in which establishments holding temporary patio permits have installed overhead structures that are in contravention of their permit. We have received a media enquiry on this matter as well.

Further detail is provided below and a more comprehensive memo will follow.

Best,
Paul

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Hi Sadhu and Paul

We are seeing a proliferation of curbside patios being modified to include overhead structures. These structures are outside of the guidelines of the TEPP program, have been constructed without review by City staff and are not permitted. We have included several photos below as examples.

We understand the desire to create robust weather protected spaces. Introducing structures within the street right of way presents significant risks and considerations around public safety, structural and other regulatory requirements; as a result they involve review by staff across City departments that cannot be achieved within the timeframe of the TEPP program. For that reason, the TEPP patio guidelines do not allow for structures in the street.

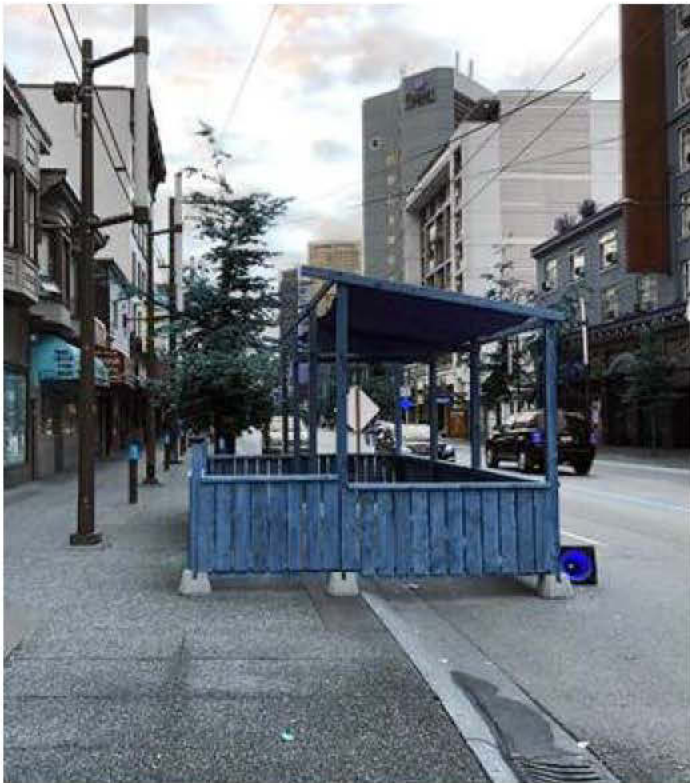
We are going through the proper steps to address the unpermitted structures. This starts with a conversation with the business owner to ensure an understanding of the guidelines and work towards compliance.

We have received one media inquiry on this related to the patio at 33 acres. Given the importance of supporting businesses through COVID-19 recovery and the public attention this may receive, we are preparing a memo for Mayor and Council to outline the considerations and risks around structures within the street right of way. If you feel it is helpful to forward this email to Mayor and Council in the meantime, please do.

Let us know if you have any questions or feedback at this time.

Many thanks,

Margaret





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