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Good evening Mayor and Council,

Further to the patio update provided yesterday, I am passing along some additional information on planned changes to the summer patio program which will streamline the process during this transition year. These changes respond to industry feedback and more closely align with the previous TEPP program.

Specifically:

- We will be increasing the allowance to shift occupancy from indoors to outdoors to 50% of total occupancy on patios (previously this was limited to 20%). The footprint for patios is not expected to exceed the footprint of patios approved previously through TEPP.
- We will be waiving the requirement for interior drawings for those applicants remaining within their currently approved occupancy. As previously indicated, applicants do not need to have drawings produced by an architect and can be digital or hand drawn.
- There will be no requirement for a Building Permit where no construction is proposed.

Staff are working quickly to update program materials so that the details of these changes can be communicated to industry with clarity and without further confusion. We would appreciate if you refrain from broad distribution of this update while we work through the specifics of that communication over the next day or so.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Margaret Wittgens at 604-673-8227 or [margaret.wittgens@vancouver.ca](mailto:margaret.wittgens@vancouver.ca)

Many thanks,

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