

3. Supporting Vancouver's Restaurant Industry

MOVER: Councillor George Affleck

SECONDER:

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver prides itself on the quality of its internationally renowned restaurant industry;
2. The restaurant industry in Vancouver employs thousands of people and generates multi millions of dollars per year into the Vancouver economy;
3. The City of Vancouver expanded its street and mobile food vending programs in January 2011 to promote the range of options available for consumers;
4. The restaurant industry states that:
 - i. restaurants are more environmentally responsible than food carts within the street vendor program in areas such as disposable packaging, cutlery, gas powered generators, and commute time of vehicles;
 - ii. restaurants pay property taxes, business license fees, and all utility fees within the city;
 - iii. restaurants are required to provide washrooms and pay rent;
 - iv. restaurants must follow strict signage rules;
5. The number of food vending program licences has been projected to increase by 15 each year until 2015;
6. The Canadian Restaurant and Food Services Association recommends that food trucks be located at least 100 meters from an existing restaurant;
7. Vancouver's guidelines state food vendors may not be located within 60 meters of an existing business which has the same type of food, food concept, or theme;
8. New permit locations are becoming scarcer, thus increasing the potential that new permits may be issued near established restaurants, particularly in the downtown core.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff report back on concerns expressed by the restaurant sector and how the food vending program may need to be modified to ensure the long-term viability of Vancouver's restaurant industry;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff report back on existing permit locations and their proximity to local restaurants and details on how enforcement efforts have been undertaken;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT staff report back on the environmental impact and carbon footprint of the food vending licencees.

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