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MOTION ON NOTICE

5. Expand and Celebrate Patios

MOVER: Mayor Robertson
SECONDER: Councillor Deal

WHEREAS

1. The City of Vancouver allowed patios to stay open to midnight in 2014, with 115 businesses taking part in a pilot program;
2. The City of Vancouver is providing an opportunity for businesses to apply to keep patios open until 1 am during the summer;
3. Vancouverites have responded positively to efforts to increase access to patios, with zero noise complaints for the 2014 summer pilot program.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to continue to streamline the patio process in Vancouver, and report back to City Council with measures to:

- Identify opportunities to enable patio size increases, including expanding the creative use of sidewalks, streets, and other public or under-utilized spaces;
- Enable increased opportunities for rooftop patios;
- Identify cost-saving measures for businesses and opportunities to improve patio permit processing times;
- Reduce requirements for new bathrooms when adding patio space to existing restaurants;
- Adopt best practices related to the use of glass or plastic wind barriers;
- Reduce the waiting time for experienced operators to apply for extended patio hours when opening a new business;
- Adopt best practices for patios from other cities;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to consult with industry stakeholders on these issues;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT Council direct staff to enable a "Patio Day" in the City of Vancouver this summer to allow one-time patio expansions and permits for businesses as a way to celebrate local food and culture in Vancouver.

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