



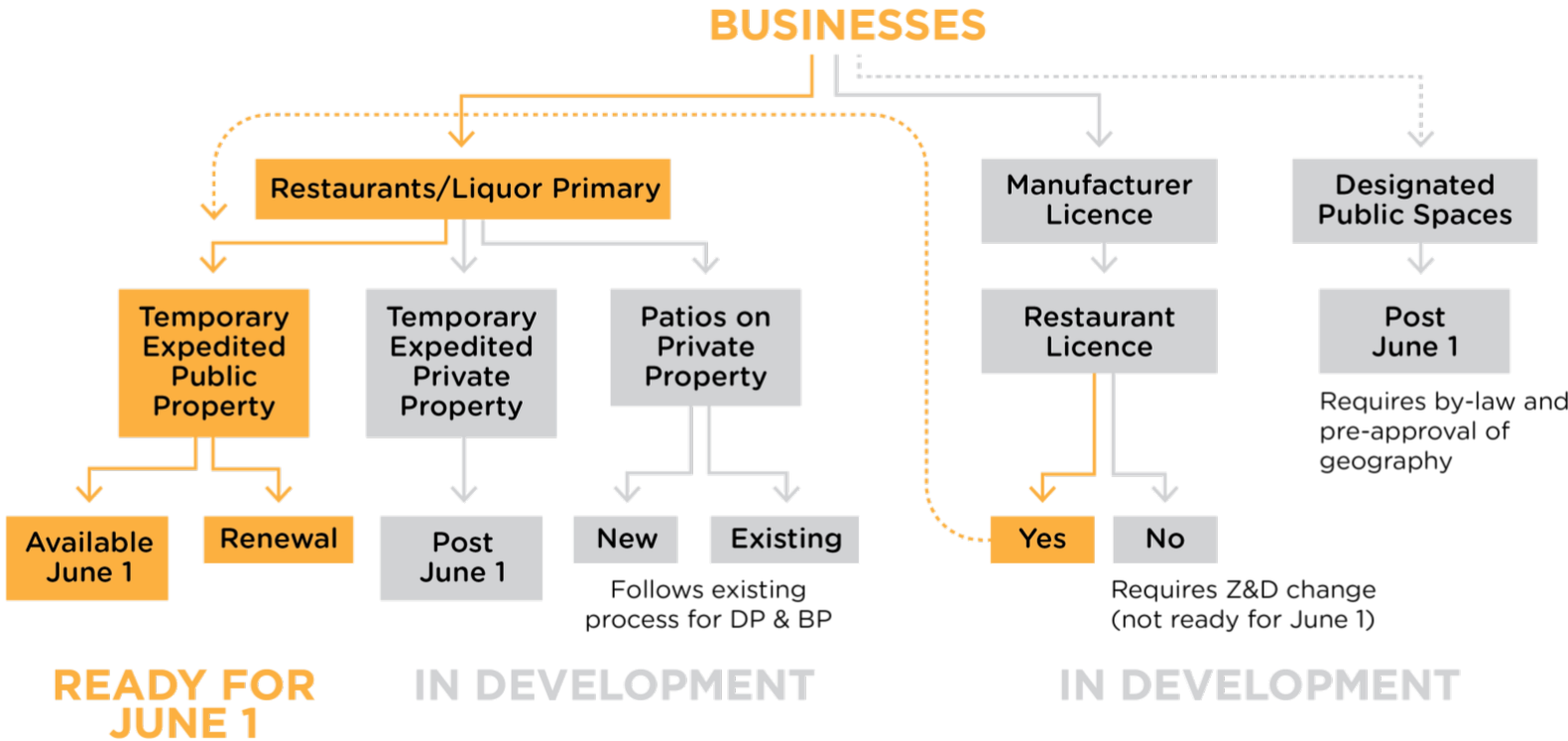
**COVID-19 RESPONSE**  
Public Life & Business Recovery

# TEMPORARY PATIO PROGRAM

Council Presentation (May 27, 2020)

Engineering Services  
Development, Building & Licensing





# Context | Impacts

## Issues

- The COVID-19 pandemic has inflicted significant negative economic impacts to Vancouver businesses and restaurants
- Small businesses and restaurants support complete communities, and are key contributors to Vancouver's economic health generating jobs and tax revenue

## City's Role

- Facilitate economic recovery with speed, flexibility, and nimbleness by streamlining tools and programs and making necessary regulatory changes
- Support businesses in maintaining health measures and physical gathering restrictions
- Develop and test innovative approaches to patios – such as pop-up patios, spatial expansions, public space reallocation, and “turnkey” guidelines
- Review and improve on existing patio regulations and programs

### Flexible, Innovative and Expedited Patio Permitting (Approved May 13, 2020)

- Demonstrating to our business community that supporting them is a priority for Council.
- Enabling staff to prioritize this work.
- Providing pre-prepared templates/types of patios to improve speed (time is of the essence)
- Protecting and (re)building our economy



# Context

## Public Life & Business Recovery

Actions to date to support residents accessing essential services, employment, and spaces for exercise and movement

**Initiatives** such as:

- Room to Queue/Move/Load
- Temporary plazas (linear and side-streets)
- Slow streets



# Temporary Patio Program

# Patio Options

## Temporary Patios

- Easier and faster to implement
- Applications compliant with program will be issued within 48 hours
- Temporary permits expire Oct 31 (non-renewable)
- Furniture to be brought in for storage after each business day
- No electrical or utilities permitted
- Can be licensed or unlicensed (liquor)
- Licensed patios must install temporary railings





# Patio Options | Temporary Patios



Parking Spaces



Business Frontage

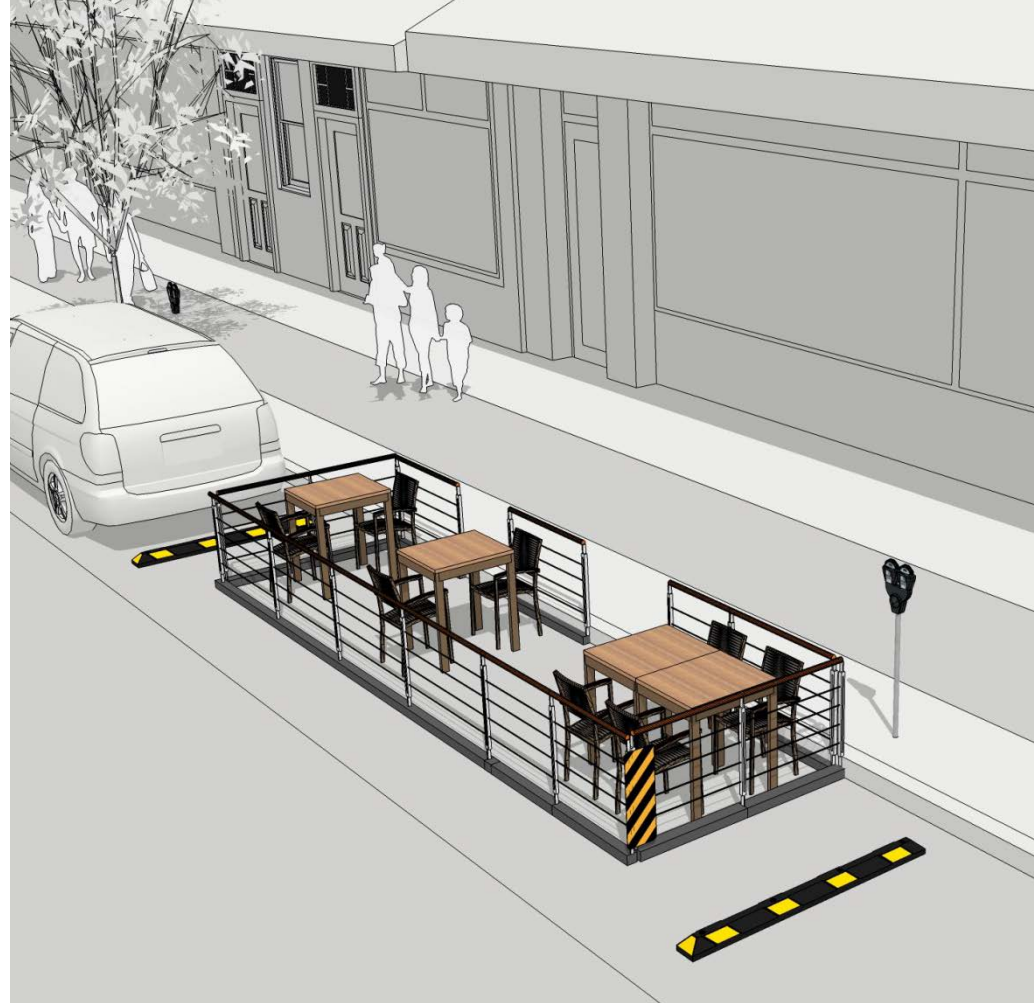


Small Patios

# Temporary Patios

## Curbside

- Patios detached from building, occupies parking spaces
- Setback from sidewalk, parked vehicles, and moving traffic
- Temporary ramps for accessibility
- Liquor licensing (Provincial) is allowed



# Temporary Patios

## Business Frontage

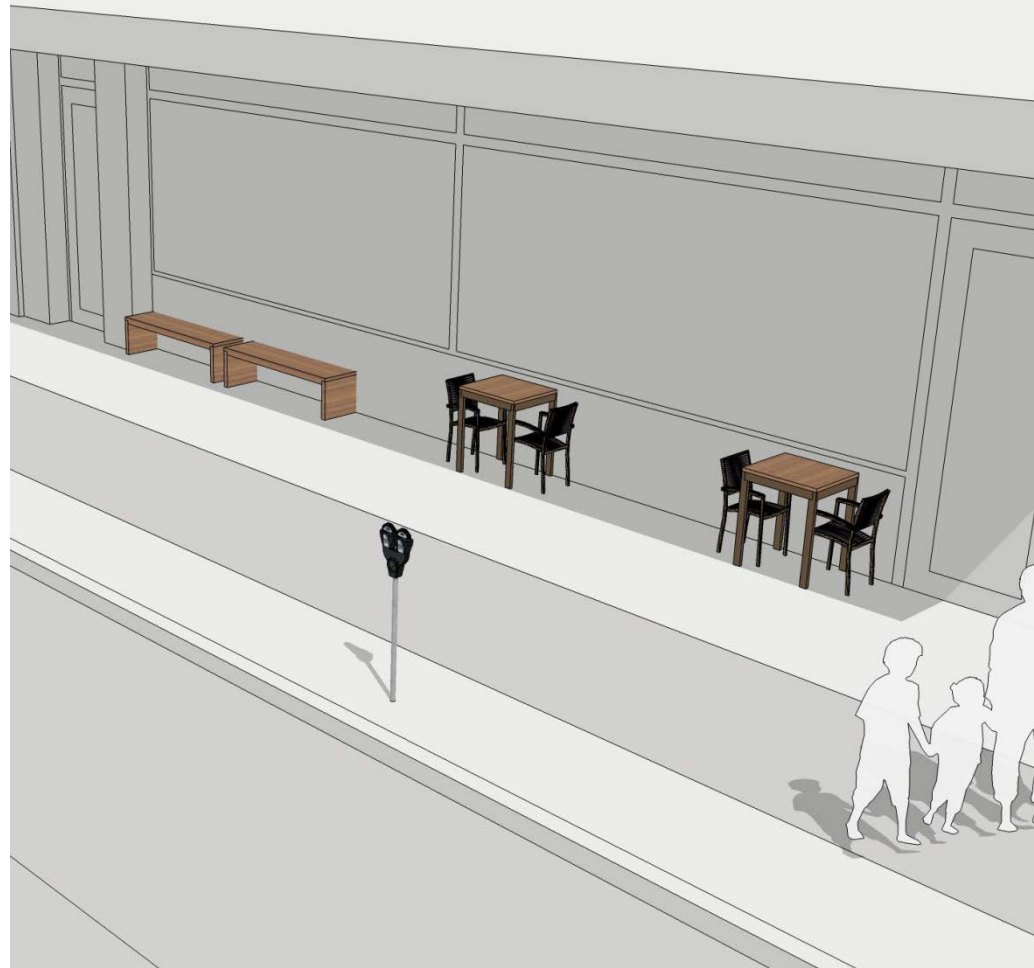
- Directly flanks business or property frontage
- On sidewalk and/or on the back boulevard (between building and sidewalk)
- Liquor licensing (Provincial) is allowed



# Temporary Patios

## Small Patios

- Directly flanks business or property frontage, with tables and chairs that are put out daily and removed at closing times
- On sidewalk and/or on the back boulevard (between building and sidewalk)
- Liquor licensing is prohibited





# Patio Options | Underway



Breweries  
(Manufacturer Licence)



Private Patios  
(Private Property)



Designated  
Public Spaces



# Decisions

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1. Report: Enabling Temporary Expansions of Liquor Primary and Manufacturer Liquor Service Areas (Kathryn Holm)
2. Report: Fees for Temporary Patios during COVID recovery (Margaret Wittgens)

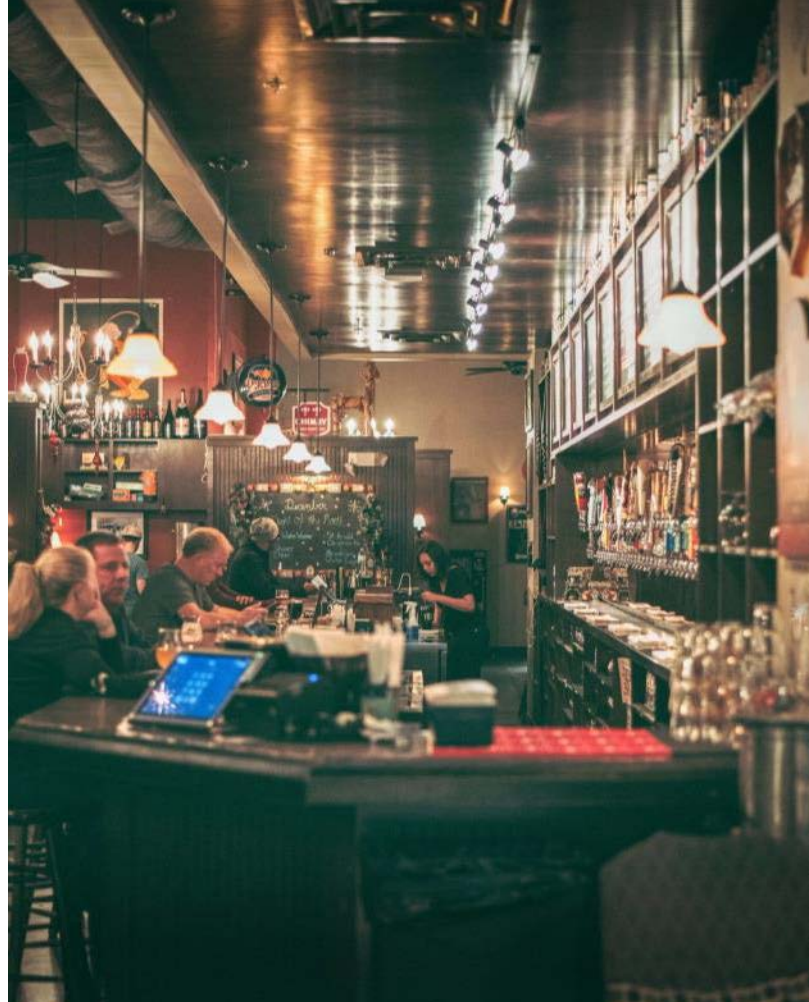
# Decision Today | Liquor

## Enabling Temporary Expansion of Liquor Primary and Manufacturer Liquor Service Areas

THAT Council instruct the Chief Licence Inspector to inform the General Manager of the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch in writing that Council pre-approves all liquor primary and manufacturer establishments in the City of Vancouver who may apply for an expanded liquor service area before October 31, 2020.

THAT Council approve in principle an amendment to the Licence By-law No. 4450 to temporarily waive the “fee for assessing and providing comments on an application for a temporary amendment to a liquor licence requesting any other change to a liquor licence” when the application is for an expanded service area, until October 31, 2020.

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services bring forward for enactment the necessary amendments to the Licence By-law No. 4450.



# Decision Today | Fees

## Enabling Temporary Expansion of Patio Spaces

THAT Council approve in principle by-law amendments to temporarily waive all permit and application fees associated with temporary expansion of patio spaces until October 31, 2020.

FURTHER THAT the Director of Legal Services bring forward for enactment such by-law amendments as are necessary to implement Recommendation A.



# Questions & Discussion

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