

## SUMMARY AND RECOMMENDATION

**2. Employment Lands and Economy Review Quick Start Actions: Downtown-Eastside/Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan Text Amendment – Retail Continuity Policy Review for Flexibility of Ground Floor Uses**

**Summary:** To amend the Downtown-Eastside/ Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan to allow additional flexibility in community-serving uses for storefront spaces at grade in the Downtown Eastside.

**Applicant:** General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability.

**Referral:** This item was referred to Public Hearing at the Council Meeting of November 24, 2020.

**Recommended Approval:** By the General Manager of Planning, Urban Design and Sustainability:

- A. THAT Council approve the application to amend the Downtown-Eastside/Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan to expand the exception clause to provide additional flexibility in uses for storefront spaces at grade in the Downtown Eastside, generally as presented in Appendix A of the Referral Report dated November 9, 2020, entitled “Employment Lands and Economy Review Quick Start Actions: Downtown-Eastside/Oppenheimer District Official Development Plan Text Amendment – Retail Continuity Policy Review for Flexibility of Ground Floor Uses”.
- B. THAT A be adopted on the following conditions:
  - (i) THAT passage of the above resolutions creates no legal rights for any person, or obligation on the part of the City and any expenditure of funds or incurring of costs is at the risk of the person making the expenditure or incurring the cost;
  - (ii) THAT any approval that may be granted following the Public Hearing shall not obligate the City to enact any rezoning by-laws; and
  - (iii) THAT the City and all its officials, including the Approving Officer, shall not in any way be limited or directed in the exercise of their authority or discretion, regardless of when they are called upon to exercise such authority or discretion.

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