

MAKING PATIOS A PART OF EVERY SUMMER IN VANCOUVER

UPDATE

September 22, 2021

AGENDA

Background

- Key Elements
- Regulatory Flexibility
- Results
- Feedback

Proposed Approach

Next Steps

Report Recommendations



Temporary Expedited Patio Program

Background

- Launched June 1, 2020
- Interdepartmental initiative
- No application and permit fees
- No additional program costs were passed onto businesses, such as lost meter revenue or traffic management costs
- No increase to existing occupant load
- Approved temporary expansions of liquor service areas



**TEMPORARY
EXPEDITED
PATIO
PROGRAM**

February 23, 2021

 CITY OF
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Temporary Expedited Patio Program

Background - Key Elements of TEPP



- Created a central point of entry for standardized patio applications
- Created simplified patio typologies to expedite review process
- Enabled curbside patios (56% of TEPP permits issued)
- Breweries and distilleries eligible for temporary patios through zoning bylaw amendments
- Prioritization of TEPP by departments
- Very popular summer demand! Summer 2021 saw a 226% increase in permits issued from winter

Temporary Expedited Patio Program

Background - Regulatory Flexibility

- Using simple patio typology to allow for expedited review process
- Allowing use of a neighbouring business's frontage for a patio on a short-term basis
- Allowing patios on private parking spaces
- Using street space on the major road network and arterials for patios, which are typically prioritized for transit, goods and other vehicle movement
- Allowing extension of liquor service area to include outdoor areas due to Provincial liquor service relaxations
- Since occupant load was not increased, staff did not need to require additional washrooms or other building code requirements



Temporary Expedited Patio Program

Background - Results

- 421 patios approved for summer 2020
- 692 patios approved for summer 2021
- Positive feedback from businesses
- Continued business education & public engagement key for long-term success



Summer 2021 Season

Total Patios

692

In detail:

516 patios in Public Spaces

- Sidewalk (Large & Small): 128
- Curbside: 388

176 patios in Private Spaces



Temporary Expedited Patio Program Feedback

- Businesses and Business Improvement Areas (BIAs) indicated that TEPP was a success, providing vital economic support during pandemic
- Addition of patios supported more vibrant streetscape
- Businesses are interested in additional patio amenities
- BIAs shared a desire to undertake a program review, including fees
- Key themes from Advisory Committees: accessibility, displacement of sidewalk space, displacement of parking and bus stops, and privatization of public space
- More engagement and review is recommended in 2022, to be included in a report back to council following the summer patio season



Proposed Approach

Learning from TEPP

Launch a summer patio program on private and public property that allows for:

- Timely approval of low-complexity patios
- A recurring summer patio season from April 1 to October 31
- Businesses to expand patio occupancy in summer season
20% shift + 12 seats for businesses with 2 existing washrooms
- The continued use of patios on streets
- Outdoor patios for breweries and distilleries



Proposed Approach

Next Steps

- Invite all TEPP permit holders to apply for all-season or seasonal (summer) patios for 2022
- Seek business commitments by October 15 on type of patio preference (annual or summer)
- Continued business education to ensure patios remain safe, accessible and enjoyable for all
- Reinstate patio fees in 2022 using the existing framework in place prior to 2020
- Conduct a review of the patio program and fee structure in 2022 to inform fees in 2023
- Launch public and business engagement exploring new patio design guidelines in 2022
- Report back to Council on findings after launching first full season



Report 1a Recommendations

1. Amending the Street Vending Bylaw to include a curbside patio definition.
2. Directing staff to undertake review of the entire patio program, including design guidelines and a review of fees, and to report back.
3. Support an incremental patio program budget of \$682,000 for additional operating costs associated with the summer patio program to be funded from patio fees and brought forward for consideration in the 2022 budget process.

Report 1b Recommendations

1. Referral of the Zoning and Development By-Law Amendments to allow Patios for Liquor Manufacturers to Public Hearing.



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Thank you

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