

Background

The COVID-19 pandemic has created unprecedented challenges for Calgary businesses. To better support our local economy and lessen the financial burden for business owners, Administration has supported our customers by waiving and deferring fees for business licences and Planning & Development applications.

Context

ON 2020 April 30, Administration provided Council with a Verbal Report C2020-0508. Council carried the motion for Temporary and Permanent changes to the Planning Applications Fee Schedule, along with changes to Business Licence Fees. These changes included: the renewal fees for business licenses to be set at \$0, and the deletion of the \$125,000 deposit and cost recovery fees for Combined Outline Plan Land Use and ancillary applications in areas under a Growth Management Overlay.

Temporary amendments to the 2020 Planning Applications Fee Schedule to take effect May 1, 2020 up to and including October 31, 2020 included the waiving of fees for; Home Occupation – Class 2 Development Permits, Permitted and Discretionary Change of Use Development Permits, Residential Certificates of Compliance, and CPAG Pre – Applications. Council directed Administration to return to the 2020 May 11 Strategic Council Meeting with a report on Municipal Relief.

ON 2020 May 11, Council received a Briefing Note COVID-19 Relief Package to Support Businesses. C2020-0542 Provided clarification of the four support measures that were being implemented by administration. This included detailed information around the waived fees, deferred fees, existing permit flexibility, and fee simplification.

ON 2020 May 11, Administration provided a report to Council for the COVID-19 Relief Package to Support Temporary Patios, C2020-0543. Administration would waive the fees for temporary patios on public space, extending to the end of the 2020 patio season.

ON 2020 June 15, Administration returned to council to provide an amendment for additional support for COVID-19 Relief Package to Support Patios on Private Property, C2020- 0650. The change to the Planning Applications Fee Schedule would align the fees for public and private property. Council approved the temporary amendment identified in to the 2020 Planning Applications Fee Schedule to change the Outdoor Café Development Permit to \$0 N/A GST, to take effect 2020 May 01 up to and including 2020 October 31.

Previous Council Direction

