



Report Number: PFC2021-1120

Meeting: Priorities & Finance Committee

Meeting Date: 2017 June 20

NOTICE OF MOTION

RE: Supporting Hospitality Businesses By Enabling Permanent Patio Extensions

Sponsoring Councillor(s): Evan Woolley

WHEREAS The economic downturn and the COVID-19 pandemic have had catastrophic effects on the hospitality industry, which includes restaurants, cafes, and bars;

AND WHEREAS During the COVID-19 pandemic, The City of Calgary has helped facilitate temporary patio extensions by waiving development permit fees and license of occupation fees and allowing patios on public property;

AND WHEREAS Restaurants, cafes, and bars have reported a significant boost from the temporary patio extensions, in many cases allowing businesses to remain operational rather than closing completely;

AND WHEREAS In a recent BIA survey, 96% of businesses have reported that their patio extension was successful and 98% want it to continue;

AND WHEREAS In the same survey, over 63% of businesses added additional employees to support the patio extensions;

AND WHEREAS The hospitality industry employs approximately 40,000 people in Calgary;

AND WHEREAS There are over 8,000 hospitality businesses in Calgary;

AND WHEREAS Hospitality businesses contribute \$3.52 billion in real GDP value;

AND WHEREAS Many hospitality businesses add to the cultural fabric of Calgary, providing spaces for music, food, and socializing;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED That Council direct Administration to support permanent seasonal patio extensions beginning in 2022 in Business Improvement Area zones and subsidize hoarding fees, daily street use permit, lane closure fees, and other associated fees.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED That Administration engage with stakeholders, including business improvement areas (BIAs), business owners, and hospitality industry organizations.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED That Administration create a multi-disciplinary team to deliver the program who are supported with resources and program funding.

AND FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED That all patio extensions should adhere to accessibility standards outlined in report number C2021-0990, "Improving the Accessibility of Calgary's Mobility Networks".