

Council Member Motion For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of July 08, 2021

To: Committee of the Whole of July 08 **Date:** June 25, 2021

From: Sharmarke Dubow

Subject: Making Permanent Victoria's Street Patio Policy

BACKGROUND

In spring 2020, the City created temporary public space initiatives to help local businesses respond to the COVID-19 pandemic. These initiatives, part of Build Back Victoria, have been extended through to October 2021. In response to the great success of this pilot project, Council has received a petition from the Restaurants of Fernwood Square. (See attached.)

RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1. Council to accept letter appendix 1 and endorse it
- 2. Council to direct staff to also identify processes for facilitating permanent closures of travel lanes and/or full roadways to facilitate increased public space and/or zones for permitted commercial use, beginning with 1300 Block on Gladstone from Fernwood Street to Stanley Avenue as pilot program.
- 3. Council direct staff to report back to update and extend the current Business Recovery from Pandemic Bylaw (#20-072) prior to October 31, 2021

Attachments:

Appendix 1: letter from Restaurants from Fernwood Square

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Dubow