

## Council Member Motion For the Committee of the Whole Meeting of March 17th, 2022

**To:** Committee of the Whole **Date:** March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2022

From: Councillor Loveday and Mayor Helps

**Subject:** Extending Patio Liquor Licenses Through Summer 2022

## **Background**

The COVID-19 pandemic had a profoundly negative impact on the hospitality industry including restaurants, coffee shops, and bars. The City of Victoria's flexible patio permitting served as a timely lifeline for many hospitality industry businesses and increased vibrancy and economic vitality downtown and in village centers.

The City of Victoria has extended the Build Back Victoria bylaw and temporary patio permitting provisions until October 31<sup>st</sup>, 2022. The Province of BC's Temporary Expanded Service Area (TESA) provisions are set to end on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022. Without an extension to the Temporary Expanded Service Area (TESA) provisions liquor will no longer be able to sold in these temporary outdoor patio spaces.

It is therefore recommended that Council reiterate its advocacy to the Province of British Columbia to extend the expanded service areas through the summer to at least Oct. 31, 2022.

## RECOMMENDATION

- That Council request that the Mayor write to the Premier of British Columbia, MLAs representing local ridings, and the BC Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch to advocate for a further extension of the temporary authorization of licensed service areas.
- 2. That this motion be forwarded to the March 17<sup>th</sup> daytime council meeting for consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

Councillor Loveday

Mayor Helps