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Purpose

The purpose of this report is to present a proposed set of goals, principles, and core components to inform the development of a new Patio Bylaw and associated program.

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Background

- Stewardship of public space is a core responsibility of a municipality
- Patios support streetscape vibrancy and animation
- · More than four decades facilitating patios on public property
- COVID-19 Pandemic accelerated awareness and public acceptance for outdoor patios



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Background

Sidewalk Café Bylaw (2016) and design guidelines

Business Recovery from Pandemic Bylaw (2020 - 2022) and program guidelines













Sidewalk Café Guidelines



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Diversity and Evolution of Patios







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Modernization of Bylaw & Program

- 2021 direction to update the Sidewalk Café Bylaw to integrate lessons learned from Build Back Victoria
 - · Re-name the bylaw
 - · Safety measures
 - · Accessibility requirements on / adjacent to patios
 - Consider changes to modernize and streamline the application process
 - · Consider inspection programs
- An effective and modernized program will include timely customer service and application reviews, with responsive program options and mandatory standards to ensure quality, equity, safety, and accessibility.

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Modernization of Bylaw & Program

- Review of current programs and feedback
 - · Lessons learned locally and across North America
- Reflect the diversity of interests
 - · Incorporate operational needs
 - · Balanced uses of space
 - Accessible and welcoming spaces
- Collaboration and culture of stewardship
 - Maintain focus on space, not occupancy or other approvals such as liquor licencing



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Current Status

- BBV Bylaw and program ending on March 31, 2023
 - Includes Province of BC regulations to support Temporary Extended Service Areas
- Completion of Key Tasks:
 - Best practices review Summer 2022
 - BBV permit analysis and associated maintenance / removals Fall 2022
 - Technical analysis Fall 2022 / Winter 2023
- Bylaw and Program Design Considerations:
 - · Integration of successful elements of existing bylaws and design guidelines
 - A user-friendly guide will help businesses understand options, expectations, steps and required documentation

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Goals

- City streetscapes and public spaces are enhanced through the patio program.
- 2. Patios are safe, accessible and maintain functional access to public infrastructure and spaces.
- 3. Licence application and approval services are fair, flexible, and timely.



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Principles

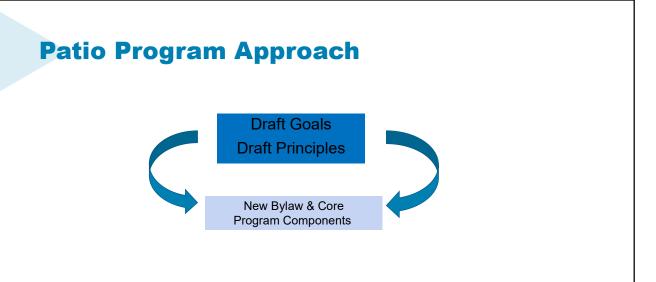
- Sense of Community
- · Ease of Movement
- Safety
- Inclusion
- Neighbourhood Character
- Flexibility
- · Recognition of Value







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Next Steps

- Invite final stakeholder input
- Complete bylaw and program
- Bylaw introduction and adoption in March 2023

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Recommendation

That Council approve the proposed goals, principles, and core components described within the report to inform the development of a new Patio Bylaw and associated program.

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