



## Council Memorandum

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Date: June 23, 2020

To: Council

From: Mayor Andy Letham

Re: Update from the Economic Recovery Task Force

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### Recommendation

**That** the Memorandum from Mayor Letham regarding, **Economic Recovery Task Force Recommendations**, be received;

**That** By-law 2018-234, being a By-law to Establish and Require Payment of Fees for Information, Services, Activities and Use of City Property, be amended to revise the following fees for the balance of the 2020 calendar year:

Description	Fee
Special Event Permit	\$0.00
Patio Permit	\$0.00
Liquor License Inspection for Outdoor Patio	\$0.00 per hour
Noise Exemption Application	\$0.00
Park Vendor Permit for Farmer's Markets	\$0.00 monthly fee
All Park Rental Fees	\$0.00

**That** Council waive enforcement of zoning provisions for temporary outdoor commercial patios and retail patios on privately owned lands where these uses are permitted in the applicable zoning by-law, and provided all other applicable approvals are obtained.

### Rationale

The Economic Recovery Task Force had its first meeting on June 2, 2020 (a copy of the meeting minutes are attached). Due to the pandemic, many businesses and organizations have opened later into the summer months than they usually do which condenses their operating season. In addition, many are also dealing with restrictions on capacity.



The Task Force felt that revising certain processing fees would provide some assistance and relief to individuals, businesses and organizations as they operate under the health & safety parameters that have been set forth by the Province.

Some examples include:

- patios being allowed to expand their outside footprint to promote physical distancing;
- farmer's markets opening with service and occupancy limitations, and expanded approvals required; and
- many events and programs have been cancelled or limited in capacity, and are being encouraged to occur outdoors where practical.

In order to accelerate and accommodate small business recovery, and implement different service standards to maintain public health and safety, the Task Force also recommended that the City be flexible with enforcing and imposing zoning restrictions.

It is assumed that all other applicable approvals for these temporary patios will be obtained, and health & safety and accessibility standards will be incorporated.

These recommendations are being made effective immediately and expire at the end of 2020.