

Support for Winter Outdoor Dining and Outdoor Retail

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The Transportation Committee considered this item on today's agenda in response to the following portion of City Council MOTION NO 41/11, October 14:

- iv that Right of Way, Heritage and Urban Design Services and Roads and Parking Services present to Transportation Committee at their November meeting a winter patio strategy after further consultation with OCOBIA and a best practice review of the efforts of other winter cities**

Court Curry, Manager, Right of Way, Heritage & Urban Design Services, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development (PIED) spoke to a PowerPoint presentation, a copy of which is held on file with the Office of the City Clerk. Laila Gibbons, Director, Roads & Parking Services, Public Works and Environmental Services (PWES) was also present and responded to questions.

The committee heard from Miranda Gray, who expressed concerns regarding accessibility and snow removal.

Following discussion and questions of staff, the Committee CARRIED the following motion:

### Motion

Moved by Councillor C. Kitts

**WHEREAS the COVID-19 pandemic continues to evolve and is causing significant economic impacts across the world and locally in Ottawa; and**

**WHEREAS on March 17, 2020, an emergency related to the COVID-19 outbreak was declared in the whole of the Province of Ontario, pursuant to Section 7.0.1 of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, as set out in Order in Council 518/2020; and**

**WHEREAS on October 9, 2020 revised restrictions were announced by the Province of Ontario that specifically relate to Ottawa and restrict indoor dining for 28 days as part of the emergency declaration, which continues to significantly limit restaurants in their operations, which has substantial local economic impacts; and**

**WHEREAS at its meeting of October 14<sup>th</sup>, 2020, Council directed that: "Right of Way, Heritage and Urban Design Services and Roads and Parking Services present to Transportation Committee at their November meeting a winter patio strategy after further consultation with OCOBIA, and a best practice review of the efforts of other winter cities";**

**WHEREAS City staff have provided at the Transportation Committee meeting of November 2<sup>nd</sup> an overview of further measures that can assist the restaurant and retail sectors; and**

**WHEREAS ROW patios will continue to be expected to comply with the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act, 2020;***

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Transportation Committee recommend Council approve the following:**

- i. **Extend the delegation of authority to the General Manager of Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development in consultation with the Director of Traffic Services, together with the Director of Roads and Parking Services to authorize the extension of closure of segments of any City of Ottawa road as a temporary measure through to April 1, 2021, as part of the City of Ottawa's economic recovery efforts;**
- ii. **And that this delegation of authority only be exercised where there is the written consent of the Business Improvement Association (BIA) for the given geographic area, or in the circumstance where a BIA does not exist, 2/3 of the business owners on each block segment approve of the road closure as provided in writing to the General Manager and the Directors listed above;**
- iii. **And that any road closures past November 15, 2020 be subject to an approved snow clearing and removal strategy between the beneficiaries of the road closure and Roads and Parking Services;**
- iv. **And be it further resolved that, to provide certainty for restaurant owners as they plan for 2021 operations, Council direct staff to bring forward a 2021 Operating Budget that includes the elimination of the daily encroachment fee for right of way patios,**
- v. **And be it further resolved that funding in the amount of \$150,000 from the PIED 2020 Public Realm Intervention Capital Account be made available to BIAs and registered business associations via a grant program for small capital improvements or beautification that can bolster economic activity.**

CARRIED