

1. Motion – Economic Support for the tourist sector - Tourist Information Kiosk Fees

Motion - Soutien économique pour le secteur du tourisme – droits des permis de kiosque d'information touristique

COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve that:

- 1. the Tourist Information Kiosk fees, as contained in Schedule B of the Encroachments on City Highways By-law (No. 2003-446), except for the permit processing fees, be waived for tourism operators; and**
- 2. the anticipated forecasted revenue loss of \$15,000 be recovered from the Provincial Safe Restart program, and should it not be eligible, from the overall 2021 Right of Way, Heritage and Urban Design Service Area operating position.**

RECOMMANDATIONS DU COMITÉ

Que le Conseil approuve que :

- 1 les droits des permis de kiosque d'information touristique indiqués à l'annexe B du Règlement n° 2003-446 – Empiètements sur les voies publiques de la Ville, à l'exception des frais d'administration pour les demandes de permis, soient annulés pour les entreprises de tourisme; et**
- 2. la perte prévue de recettes de 15 000 \$ soit recouvrée au moyen du programme provincial de relance sécuritaire ou, en cas de non-admissibilité, du budget de fonctionnement général de 2021 du secteur d'activité Emprises, Patrimoine et Design urbain.**

DOCUMENTATION / DOCUMENTATION

Committee Coordinator's report, dated July 5, 2021 (ACS2021-OCC-TRC-0020)

Rapport de la coordonnatrice, daté le 5 juillet 2021 (ACS2021-OCC-TRC-0020)

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SUBJECT: Motion - Economic Support for the tourist sector - Tourist Information Kiosk Fees

OBJET: Motion - Soutien économique pour le secteur du tourisme – droits des permis de kiosque d'information touristique

REPORT RECOMMENDATIONS

That Council approve that:

1. the Tourist Information Kiosk fees, as contained in Schedule B of the Encroachments on City Highways By-law (No. 2003-446), except for the permit processing fees, be waived for tourism operators; and
2. the anticipated forecasted revenue loss of \$15,000 be recovered from the Provincial Safe Restart program, and should it not be eligible, from the

overall 2021 Right of Way, Heritage and Urban Design Service Area operating position.

RECOMMANDATIONS DU RAPPORT

Que le Conseil approuve que :

- 1 les droits des permis de kiosque d'information touristique indiqués à l'annexe B du Règlement n° 2003-446 – Empiètements sur les voies publiques de la Ville, à l'exception des frais d'administration pour les demandes de permis, soient annulés pour les entreprises de tourisme; et**
- 2. la perte prévue de recettes de 15 000 \$ soit recouvrée au moyen du programme provincial de relance sécuritaire ou, en cas de non-admissibilité, du budget de fonctionnement général de 2021 du secteur d'activité Emprises, Patrimoine et Design urbain.**

BACKGROUND

The Transportation Committee at its meeting of July 5, 2021, approved the following motion, which was added to the agenda pursuant to subsection 89(3) of the Procedure By-law:

WHEREAS the local tourism industry has suffered substantial economic impacts as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS due to the ongoing COVID-19 situation and the anticipated capacity restrictions from the Province of Ontario and associated recommendations from Ottawa Public Health, which will limit the capacity of tourism operations in contrast to previous years; and

WHEREAS tourism operators will want to establish their tourist information kiosks as soon as provincial restrictions permit; and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa requires permits for tourist information kiosks, in accordance with the provisions of the Encroachments on City Highways By-law (No. 2003-446); and

WHEREAS for tourist information kiosks, the City of Ottawa charges a permit processing fee and fees based on the size of the tourist information kiosk; and

WHEREAS the City of Ottawa can support the local economy by providing a one-time waiver of the tourist information kiosk permit fees.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Tourist Information Kiosk fees, as contained in Schedule B of the Encroachments on City Highways By-law (No. 2003-446), except for the permit processing fees, be waived for tourism operators; and

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the anticipated forecasted revenue loss of \$15,000 be recovered from the Provincial Safe Restart program, and should it not be eligible, from the overall 2021 Right of Way, Heritage and Urban Design Service Area operating position; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Council be requested to suspend the Rules of Procedure to consider this item at its meeting of July 7, 2021.

DISCUSSION

The Committee unanimously supported the aforementioned motion, which included a request and agreed that it be presented to Council on July 7, 2021.

RURAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no rural implications associated with the recommendations in this report.

CONSULTATION

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion, approved at Committee, to Council for consideration its meeting of July 7, 2021. No consultation was undertaken as this item was added at the meeting.

COMMENTS BY THE WARD COUNCILLOR(S)

Not applicable. This is a City-wide issue.

ADVISORY COMMITTEE(S) COMMENTS

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion, approved at Committee, to Council for consideration its meeting of July 7, 2021. This report was not circulated for comment as it was added at the meeting.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion, approved at Committee, to Council for consideration its meeting of July 7, 2021. Legal staff will be present at the Council meeting and can provide comment if required.

RISK MANAGEMENT IMPLICATIONS

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion, approved at Committee, to Council for consideration its meeting of July 7, 2021. No risk management implications have been identified.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The estimated revenue loss of \$15,000 will be submitted for Safe Restart funding. In the event the loss is not funded by Safe Start revenues, it will be funded from within Right of Way, Heritage and Urban Design's operating budget.

ACCESSIBILITY IMPACTS

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion, approved at Committee, to Council for consideration its meeting of July 7, 2021. No specific accessibility impacts have been identified.

TERM OF COUNCIL PRIORITIES

This report was drafted to transmit the above Motion, approved at Committee, to Council for consideration its meeting of July 7, 2021. No direct impacts on the City's strategic priorities or directions identified for the current Term of Council have been identified.

DISPOSITION

Following Council approval, Planning, Infrastructure and Economic Development staff will undertake action to respond to the recommendations in the report.