



REQUEST FOR DECISION

COUNCIL DATE	April 7, 2021
SUBJECT	Temporary Permits for Outdoor Patios
ORIGINATING DEPARTMENT	Legislative Services/Planning and Development
AGENDA ITEM	2.1

BACKGROUND/PROPOSAL:

To curb the rising numbers of covid cases, the province has enacted Step 1 restrictions affecting eating and drinking establishments. As of Friday, April 9 at Noon, indoor dining at restaurants will cease. Outdoor patios are still allowed to operate at restaurants and bars, and establishments can still offer take-out and delivery.

DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES:

See attached report.

ALIGNMENT WITH STRATEGIC PLAN

Community wellbeing

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Council support the issuance of temporary permits for outdoor patios to assist local eating and drinking establishments to continue to serve their patrons during the additional COVID restrictions at no cost.

MOTION:

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REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DISCUSSION/OPTIONS/BENEFITS/DISADVANTAGES:

To assist local eating and drinking establishments administration is suggesting that the Town issue temporary permits at no cost to allow temporary outdoor patio areas for patrons. The patio set up may occur in a parking area, or other appropriate area adjacent to the eating and drinking establishment. Public health measures such as a secure and clean area, controlled access to the patio area and the flow of staff and patrons, distancing of tables and seating, access to washrooms, method of payment, and other measures, are still required by Alberta Health. Eating and Drinking establishments that are currently approved for patios may extend their outdoor areas on a temporary basis during the restrictions.

Temporary fencing, bollards and rope, or a tent style structure that is not fully enclosed are options.

The Town will work with establishments to ensure the issuance and processing of the temporary permit is seamless and quick. Temporary permits will be treated as a high priority. It is anticipated that the entire process from application to issuance will take less than ½ hour.

CONCLUSION:

This is a proactive temporary solution to assist local eating and drinking establishment to remain sustainable during unsettling times.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

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