

City Staff Report

Report Date: September 23, 2020

Meeting Date: September 29, 2020

To: City Manager

From: Director of Development Services

Subject: Temporary Expanded Service Area Authorizations

Purpose

Obtain approval to extend temporary expanded service area authorizations to October 31 of 2021.

Summary

- The Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch has notified the City that under Policy Directive 20-26 temporary expansion of service areas is being extended to October 31st, 2021 to support hospitality businesses whom are impacted by Covid19.
- They are requesting municipalities confirm support of the extension in their communities as soon as possible via e-mail to the branch.
- Barkerville Brewery took advantage of this opportunity and have notified the City they will be making application to have the authorization extended.
- Development Services and Economic Development Staff will be working together to put out correspondence to our hospitality businesses to encourage utilization of outdoor spaces during the 2021 season.

Recommendation

THAT Council directs staff to advise the Liquor Control and Licensing Board that the City of Quesnel approves extending the Temporary Expanded Service Area Authorizations in our community;

AND THAT Council directs staff to work towards communicating opportunities for utilizing expanded service areas in their businesses and that the process and communication plan be forwarded to the Policy and Bylaw Committee for review.

Statutory Requirements

Liquor Control and Licensing Act

BC Building Code

BC Fire Code

Council Policy

Building Bylaw

Zoning Bylaw

Outdoor Café Bylaw - no fees for ongoing

Comprehensive Fees and Charges Bylaw

Strategic Objective

N/A

Financial Implications

None



Background

The City of Quesnel provided approval pre-approvals to the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) so that liquor primary hospitality businesses could work directly with the branch to provide temporary expanded service areas in June. Barkerville Brewery took advantage of this offering and established an extension to their patio. The Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) put out a policy directive to allow Temporary Expanded Service Area Authorizations to be extended to October 31, 2021.

RDO Holdings Ltd. (owner of Barkerville Brewery) will be requested to provide correspondence that they are requesting the extension to the temporary patio area until October 31st, 2021 and their concurrence that the terms of their existing encroachment agreement will apply to this area during this time.

The City had already provided approval for them to use their patio area year round so this policy is consistent with their existing allowance.

Some additional hospitality businesses were contacted during the season to see if they could utilize these expanded areas. Although a couple of businesses expressed some interest they did not proceed to take advantage of the offering. Development Services and Economic Development departments will be working together to work with businesses over the winter season to see if they can take advantage of this opportunity in 2021. It is recognized that patios in the downtown on public right-of-ways are unable to extend into the winter months due to their impact on snow clearing.

Attachments

1. LCRB Correspondence

Concurrence

Manager of Economic Development and Tourism

Options

1. Provide approvals as recommended.
2. Amend approvals.
3. Deny requests.