

City to Allow Restaurants to Expand Outdoor Seating

At the May 20 meeting, Parksville Council approved a motion to allow restaurant seating on sidewalks and parking lots to help with spacing to meet the physical distancing requirements due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The resolution directs staff to implement a process where the mayor and corporate officer can issue licences of occupation to permit local businesses to utilize public sidewalk spaces and public parking areas for the purpose of additional seating or safe queuing. The motion also permits business owners to use their onsite private parking to expand their seating without triggering requirements for City permits.

Council hopes this motion will allow restaurants to spread out onto sidewalks and parking lots, creating more outdoor dining space to assist in facilitating physical distancing.

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