



Re: Patio Seating Program

To Mayor and Council:

The Pandosa Business Association is in support of the proposed seating guidelines for patios in our business district. We would like to thank Tammy Abrahamson for presenting the guidelines to us and the opportunity to give feedback.

Sincerely,

Barb Hill

Volunteer President of the Pandosa Village Business Association

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Kelowna, B.C.

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March 08, 2019

Attention: Tammy Abrahamson, RPA, Property Officer | City of Kelowna

Please accept this Letter of Support from the Uptown Rutland Business Association (URBA) for the Consolidated Patio Program. As Uptown Rutland is an area where the City of Kelowna has identified to duplicate the highly successful Downtown patio program, we are supportive of the initiative to animate outdoor spaces in our community.

Businesses are continuing to grow, and density increases which makes URBA excited about what the future will hold for our business area. We're anxious to have a defined town centre so programs such as this are part of the overall landscape. As plans develop, URBA will consider putting together a pilot program that allows restaurants within our business improvement area to borrow, at no cost, patio fencing, tables, chairs and flower pots for one summer (restaurant owners will only need to pay the city permit costs). This will give restaurants a chance to test out the configuration, size, and overall viability of a patio. If restaurants feel the pilot is a success and would like to continue with a patio for another year, they may choose to purchase the elements loaned from URBA or source out other fencing/tables/chairs themselves or with URBA assistance.

Regards

Dawn Thiessen  
URBA – President

# DOWNTOWN KELOWNA

March 14, 2019

City of Kelowna  
1435 Water Street  
Kelowna, B.C. V1Y 1J4

Dear Tammy Abrahamson,

The Downtown Kelowna Association (DKA) represents all businesses in the Downtown core of our City. The DKA acts in the best interests of our members to promote Downtown Kelowna as a thriving place to work, live and play. The Board of Directors and Staff have reviewed the proposed new Consolidated Patio Seating Program.

It is understood that this new Program is a consolidation of the Bernard Avenue Sidewalk Patio Guidelines created in 2014 and the 2007 Sidewalk Seating and Sidewalk Café Extension program. The Guidelines set out in the Bernard Program are proposed to now be applicable to all businesses in the City of Kelowna. Given the mandate of the DKA, we are commenting solely on the affect of this new Program as it applies to the businesses operating in Downtown Kelowna.

The Downtown Kelowna Association supports the City in its initiative to consolidate its policies as they pertain to patio business in the City and Downtown Kelowna. The program for Bernard Avenue has been a positive factor in the revitalization of Downtown Kelowna. Patios serve as a draw to our core and benefit from both a business and aesthetic perspective.

However, the DKA cannot support an increase in costs to our members. Negative activities in Downtown continue to affect many of our member businesses on a regular basis and affect not only traffic to their businesses negatively, but contribute to extra operating costs for many.

The Downtown Kelowna Association would like to thank the City of Kelowna for providing the opportunity to review the Consolidated Patio Seating Program and provide feedback.

Sincerely,



Mark Burley EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR