

June 16, 2020

Step 1 – Leave - Emergent Motion

Moved by: _____

Seconded by: _____

That pursuant to section 20.2 of the Council Procedure By-law leave BE GIVEN to introduce the following emergent motion to delegate authority to the Civic Administration to amend regulations to assist businesses to reopen.

Step 2 – Emergent Motions

Moved by: Councillor S. Turner

Seconded by:

WHEREAS the Province of Ontario on June 8, 2020 announced the next phase of opening businesses, previously ordered closed during COVID-19 pandemic response;

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario on June 8 announced an amendment to Regulation 719 under the *Liquor Licence Act* to support liquor sales licensees in temporarily extending their patios;

AND WHEREAS the municipality wishes to assist London businesses to achieve compliance with temporary regulations and requirements in a timely manner, with a focus on the principles of public safety and risk-based flexibility;

AND WHEREAS the Civic Administration has established a Back to Business Action Team and intake portal to receive and respond to requests from businesses;

AND WHEREAS the Civic Administration By-law permits the delegation of authority, therefore, the following actions be taken:

- a) the City Manager and all Managing Directors and designates BE DELEGATED the authority to amend the regulations related to reopening supportive actions including business application and permit processing procedures until December 31, 2020 in the following By-laws: Business Licence By-law, Streets By-law, Traffic and Parking By-law, Sign By-law, Parks and Recreation By-law, Sound By-law, Building By-law and Council Policy By-law;
- b) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to proactively raise challenges to the reopening of businesses in London to other levels of government where specific changes to regulatory and/or operational mechanisms are required in order for the City to respond quickly to the needs of local businesses; and,
- c) the Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to report back to the appropriate Standing Committee at an appropriate time to identify any impacts or changes made under this delegation;

it being noted that the above delegations and amendments shall apply only until December 31, 2020 or until as otherwise directed by Council;

it also being noted that the associated delegated authorities will assist with prompt reviews and approvals for business reopening items such as temporary restaurant patios, curbside pick-ups, vending stands and other applicable business practices;

it also be further noted the fees and charges associated with business applications, permits and encroachments can be considered with other financial matters at the June 23, 2020 meeting of the Strategic Priorities and Policy Committee.