

Report to Community and Protective Services Committee

To: Chairs and Members
Community & Protective Services Committee

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Subject: Back to Business By-law Extension

Date: March 2, 2021

Recommendation

That, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Development & Compliance Services & Chief Building Official, and the Managing Director, Environmental & Engineering Services & City Engineer, the Managing Directors and designates BE DELEGATED authority in regulations related to business reopening supportive actions including business application and permit processing procedures until December 31, 2021 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.

Previous Reports Related to This Matter

Community & Protective Services Committee: B2B By-Law Extension (December 1, 2020)

Background

The purpose of this report is to extend the above identified business supportive delegation of authority past the previously identified date of April 14, 2021 to December 31, 2021 based on continued evolving business needs during the ongoing pandemic.

Discussion

On December 8, 2020, Municipal Council resolved that, on the recommendation of the Managing Director, Development & Compliance Services & Chief Building Official and the Managing Director, Environmental & Engineering Services & City Engineer, the following actions be taken with respect to the extension of delegated authority in by-laws related to business reopenings and supportive actions:

- a) the staff report dated December 1, 2020, with respect to this matter, BE RECEIVED;
- b) the Managing Directors and designates BE DELEGATED authority in regulations related to business reopening and supportive actions, including business application and permit processing procedures, until April 14, 2021 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.

The December 8, 2020 resolution extended the delegation initiated by Council earlier in the pandemic on June 16, 2020. The Back to Business Action Team (B2B) has quickly and efficiently supported over 200 inquiries and requests made through the b2b@london.ca email portal. Examples of administrative approvals include private property patio approvals in coordination with provincial legislation, implementation of loading zones, providing temporary curbside customer parking locations, and making portions of municipal parking lots available for outdoor retail sales events. To enable patio extensions, the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) permitted liquor sales licensees to temporarily increase the size of their patios or add a new patio. The AGCO has extended this permission to December 31, 2021.

The B2B Team is receiving inquiries from businesses asking whether the delegated authorities extended by Council to April 14, 2021 are being considered for further extension. Business owners must make financial decisions on purchasing goods such as

tables, chairs, umbrellas, and heaters for expanded patios for the 2021 season. This proposed extension is in line with the current position of the AGCO.

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