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**Re: Pandemic-Related Outdoor Patio Rules**

To: Members of the Community and Protective Services Committee

Through discussions with our staff I am aware that the City of London's pandemic-related outdoor patio rules will be staying in effect until mid-January 2023.

After engaging with a significant number of business owners there is a common desire to continue a number of these provisions after they end in early 2023. One frequently used example is the flexibility to host an outdoor patio in a parking lot. As long as accessible spaces are not compromised, there is an opportunity for Council to consider making this permanent.

The pandemic has been a learning opportunity, a chance to try different ways of doing things and consider how we operate in the future. Given our experiences over the past two years and the opportunity for business owners innovate, and Londoners to engage in new experiences, we have an opportunity to ask our staff to report back on permanent changes we can consider.

I therefore request that the following motion be considered:

The Civic Administration BE DIRECTED to review the temporary pandemic-related flexibility in business by-law regulations and report back to the appropriate standing committee on which provisions municipal council could consider making permanent.

It being noted that Civic Administration already has direction from Council to review zoning regulations on outdoor patio capacity and that this could be achieved by a single comprehensive report back.

Respectfully,

Josh Morgan  
Deputy Mayor  
Councillor – Ward 7