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Your Worship and Council:

On behalf of the BC Restaurant and Foodservices Association, the Alliance of Beverage Licensees, and the BC Craft Brewers Guild, we are writing to follow up on our request for expanded outdoor dining in your municipality.

One hurdle that municipalities have brought to our attention is the expanded service area permissions that are regulated by the Liquor Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB). **We are pleased to report that the LCRB has extended their approval of [Temporary Expanded Service Areas \(TESA\) for patios until October 31, 2021 under policy directive 20-26.](#)**

Under this regulation, with your jurisdiction's support for patio extensions, the LCRB will reissue authorization letters for an additional year to licensees with existing TESAs prior to October 31, 2020.

This LCRB change means that having municipality support for low-cost, simple to execute winterizing guidelines and approvals for these temporary spaces is especially urgent for operators. *Expanded outdoor dining into the winter months will allow operators to maintain much needed physical distance between tables that would not be possible without the additional footprint.*

Restaurants, pubs and breweries are facing new challenges as a result of the recent Public Health Order limiting alcohol service from 11 am to 10 pm. While it seems on the surface that this reduced window would have a limited impact, many responsible business owners rely on late dinner and drinks service. The time between 10 pm and 12 am can amount to as much as 65% of an operator's gross revenue. Find out more about our industry's concerns for this change [here](#).

We are doing everything we can to help struggling operators to think differently and pivot to face the unknown. It is our sincere hope that we can support your council to find material and hard-hitting measures to ensure this industry survives. We are at your disposal to offer advice and perspective on these issues.

Sincerely,

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