

City Staff Report

Original signed by: City Manager Johnson

Report Date: March 29, 2021

Meeting Date: April 6, 2021

To: City Manager

From: Director of Development Services

Subject: Expansion of Outdoor Café Area

Purpose

To review the proposed expansion of the Outdoor Café Area as described in the Outdoor Café Bylaw and to consider the first three readings of the amendment bylaw.

Summary

- Outdoor Café Bylaw 1866 was adopted in April of 2019 for the purpose of properly regulating large-style outdoor cafes, such as those that encroach onto City Right of Way, as well as promote smaller scale outdoor seating.
- The owner of the Tower Inn at 500 Reid Street is requesting that the frontage along Reid Street be included in the Outdoor Café Area, which is described in Schedule A of Outdoor Café Bylaw 1866.
- If the Outdoor Café Bylaw is amended to include 500 Reid Street, Begbie's Restaurant intends on applying for a large-scale patio café that would be sited on Reid Street and occupy 1 parallel parking stall as well as install bistro tables and chairs on private property.

Recommendation

THAT Council considers the first three readings of Outdoor Café Amendment Bylaw No. 1908 in the Bylaw section of the Agenda.

Statutory Requirements

N/A

Council Policy

Outdoor Café Bylaw No. 1866 of 2019

Strategic Objective

N/A

Financial Implications

N/A

Background

- The owner of the Tower Inn is requesting to the City that their frontage along Reid St be included in the Outdoor Café Area as described in Bylaw 1866, see the attached correspondence.
- To construct a patio café on the City Right of Way, a Large-style Outdoor Café permit will still be required after inclusion into this area.
- The prospect of including other areas in the Outdoor Café Area have been reviewed and a request to add space on Kinchant was considered. Staff did not identify any additional properties to include due to either traffic concerns or commercial properties not having adequate frontages.



Attachments

1. Tower Inn Request Letter – March 10, 2021
2. Outdoor Café Amendment Bylaw No. 1908