Supporting Business During Covid-19
Pilot Project: Dundarave Road Reallocation

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Background

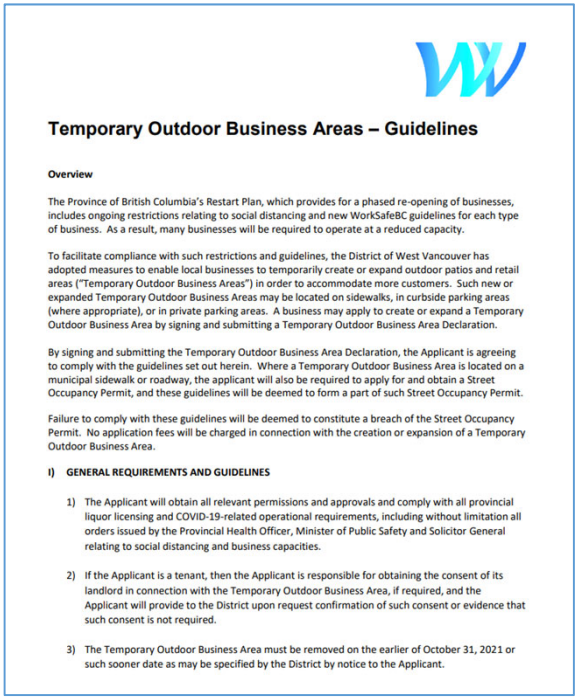
Council has taken action to enable West Vancouver businesses to accommodate more customers while operating in a safe manner in accordance with provincial guidelines.

On September 14, 2020 Council approved an extension to the District's temporary patio (outdoor business area) program through **October 31, 2021**.

Recent Action

Local businesses can establish temporary outdoor business areas, which could take the form of new or expanded restaurant patios, "winterized" patios for colder months, or outdoor retail space for other businesses. These temporary business areas could be located on a public sidewalk, in curbside parking spaces (where appropriate), or on private property.

New Winterized Guidelines are in place.



Temporary Outdoor Business Areas – Guidelines

Overview

The Province of British Columbia's Restart Plan, which provides for a phased re-opening of businesses, includes ongoing restrictions relating to social distancing and new WorkSafeBC guidelines for each type of business. As a result, many businesses will be required to operate at a reduced capacity.

To facilitate compliance with such restrictions and guidelines, the District of West Vancouver has adopted measures to enable local businesses to temporarily create or expand outdoor patios and retail areas ("Temporary Outdoor Business Areas") in order to accommodate more customers. Such new or expanded Temporary Outdoor Business Areas may be located on sidewalks, in curbside parking areas (where appropriate), or in private parking areas. A business may apply to create or expand a Temporary Outdoor Business Area by signing and submitting a Temporary Outdoor Business Area Declaration.

By signing and submitting the Temporary Outdoor Business Area Declaration, the Applicant is agreeing to comply with the guidelines set out herein. Where a Temporary Outdoor Business Area is located on a municipal sidewalk or roadway, the applicant will also be required to apply for and obtain a Street Occupancy Permit, and these guidelines will be deemed to form a part of such Street Occupancy Permit.

Failure to comply with these guidelines will be deemed to constitute a breach of the Street Occupancy Permit. No application fees will be charged in connection with the creation or expansion of a Temporary Outdoor Business Area.

I) GENERAL REQUIREMENTS AND GUIDELINES

1) The Applicant will obtain all relevant permissions and approvals and comply with all provincial liquor licensing and COVID-19-related operational requirements, including without limitation all orders issued by the Provincial Health Officer, Minister of Public Safety and Solicitor General relating to social distancing and business capacities.

2) If the Applicant is a tenant, then the Applicant is responsible for obtaining the consent of its landlord in connection with the Temporary Outdoor Business Area, if required, and the Applicant will provide to the District upon request confirmation of such consent or evidence that such consent is not required.

3) The Temporary Outdoor Business Area must be removed on the earlier of October 31, 2021 or such sooner date as may be specified by the District by notice to the Applicant.

How the Updated Process Works

District's streamlined application process:

- Approval authority has been delegated to staff
- Enforcement of on-site parking requirements is temporarily suspended
- Requirements for development permits or development permit-exempt reviews is also temporarily suspended (e.g. no building permits)
- Fire code / safety review and inspection required
- Street occupancy permits, insurance and indemnity required
- No municipal fees will be charged (Fees and Charges Bylaw amendment)

We Are Listening to Businesses

"More space needed to make businesses viable during the winter months"

Listening to Business – Reallocate Road Space

Suggested by business, supported by ADBIA:

TEMPORARILY REALLOCATE ROAD SPACE

2400 block of Marine (north side):

- Reallocate parking lane to temporary outdoor business area
- Separate with a barrier
- Provide parking in the existing northern travel lane
- Continue westbound travel on southern travel lane

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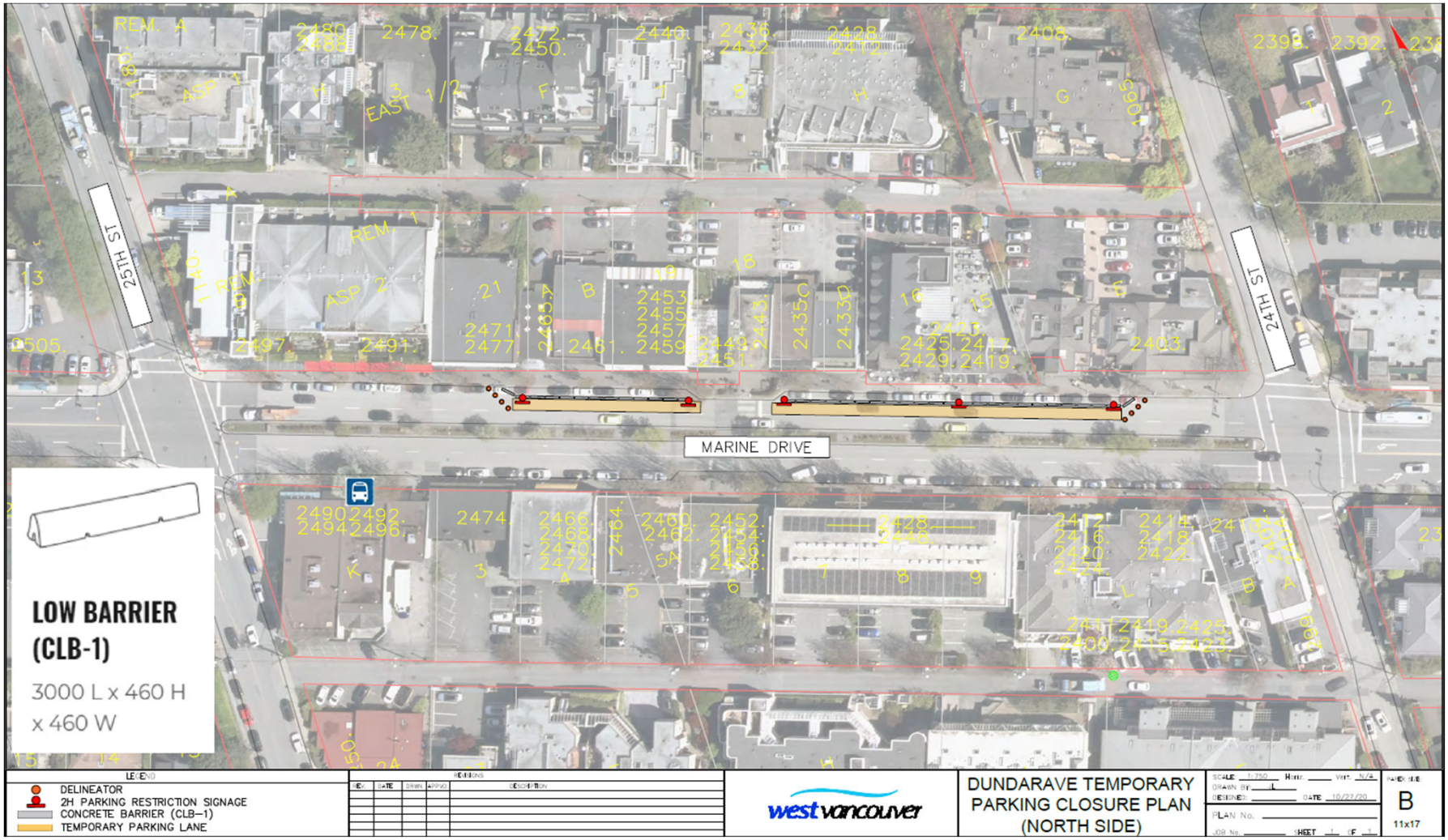

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Budget and Timeline

Low concrete barriers and signage on bollards: ~ $11,000

Work to begin immediately if approved

Recommendation

THAT:

1. Staff be instructed to temporarily reallocate road space on the northern side of the 2400 block of Marine Drive until April 30, 2021 by:

a. Converting the existing parking lane to a temporary outdoor business area, generally from 24th Street to the eastern IGA property line

b. Converting the existing northern travel lane (westbound) to a parking lane

c. Continuing through traffic on the southern travel lane (westbound)

2. Staff report back in April 2021 with a review of the approach and recommendations on whether to continue with the reallocation

Thank You.
Questions?