



Patio Hours Extension

Council Workshop - June 17, 2024



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Patio Regulations



Street and Sidewalk Patio Bylaw

- Governs patios on City property – on street or sidewalk
- Patios connected to a pub/brewery to close by 10 pm in commercial areas and 11 pm in industrial areas
- Manufacturers were recently extended to 11pm from 10pm, based on distance to nearby residents
- Patios for restaurants isn't specified

Noise Bylaw

- Sets limits for noise coming from properties
- For commercial areas, noise is limited to 55 dB starting at 10 pm
- All patios must abide by the Noise Bylaw, regardless of whether they are on public or private property, serving alcohol or not

Patio Regulations - New West

Patio Type	Private Property	Public Property (sidewalk/street)
Restaurant/café patio (food primary)	No limitations to patio operating hours provided the noise doesn't exceed 55 dBs after 10 pm. If serving liquor, the business also needs to follow the hours listed on their liquor licence.	No limitations to patio operating hours provided the noise doesn't exceed 55 dBs after 10 pm. If serving liquor, the business also needs to follow the hours listed on their liquor licence.
Pub/manufacturer patio (liquor primary)	No limitations to patio operating hours provided the noise doesn't exceed 55 dBs after 10 pm. The business also needs to follow the hours listed on their liquor licence.	Patios must close at 10pm in commercial areas and 11 pm in industrial areas with the Noise Bylaw still applying (e.g. noise past 10 pm doesn't exceed 55 dBs). The business also needs to follow the hours listed on their liquor licence.

Patio Regulations - Surrounding Municipalities

Municipality	Patio Closing Times
Vancouver	11 pm. Pilot program where businesses can apply to 1 am if no noise complaints in past 12 months and no restrictions on liquor licence. Can be revoked at anytime. Public and private patios are treated the same.
City North Vancouver	Service must end at 10pm and the patio closed by 11 pm. Public and private patios are treated the same.
Burnaby	10 pm, unless otherwise indicated on business licence, patio permit and/or liquor licence.
Surrey	10 pm if within 100 metres of a residential area. Public and private patios are treated the same.
Coquitlam	Do not regulate hours of use, complaint based.
Port Moody	9 pm Sun-Wed and 10 pm Thurs-Sat. Public and private patios are treated the same.
Port Coquitlam	Nothing in bylaws limiting hours but would default to hours specified on liquor licence. Noise bylaw regulates no noise between 11 pm and 7 am. Public and private patios are treated in the same way.
Richmond	10 pm. Public and private patios are treated the same.

Temporary Policy Change



- Operators on private property and restaurants on public property do not have closing hour restrictions.
- Discussion has indicated they choose their hours based on what is operationally feasible (staffing, hourly profit considerations, maintaining appropriate customer consumption/behavior, etc.)
- Focus on establishments that are not permitted to be open to 11pm (i.e. those serving liquor on public property)
- Have them apply as temporary change of hours with LCRB
 - Can have up to 6 changes per year, “event” not defined
- Provides a trial prior to permanent amendments, and ahead of full liquor policy review.
- Staff to contact applicable businesses and assist them in the process, if desired.

Temporary Policy Change



Pilot

Use the next few months as a working pilot on extending liquor primary patio hours in commercial areas.



Review

In November/December review the pilot and see if complaints received, other changes suggested.



Permanent Changes

In Q1 2025, propose permanent changes to patio bylaw regarding hours.



Question

- Does Council support the proposed temporary patio hours policy change?
 - *permits liquor licence patios to operate until 11:00 pm, unless a later time has been previously indicated on their liquor licence, until November 1, 2024*

