



July 23, 2021

Mayor and Council  
City of Burnaby  
4949 Canada Way  
Burnaby, BC V5G 1M2

RE: Patios and Parklets

Mayor and Council,

On behalf of Tourism Burnaby, please take this letter as a statement of our support for an extension of the Active Sidewalks, Open Businesses program, or the introduction of another similar program allowing outdoor food and beverage service to continue on municipal land where appropriate.

I served on the Burnaby Business Recover Task Force this past year, and many businesses and local residents benefitted from the new regulations.

Currently, many overnight visitors to Burnaby leave the city to visit neighbouring communities such as Vancouver or the North Shore which have been able to promote a variety of unique experiences in pedestrian-friendly areas. Allowing Burnaby residents and visitors the same opportunity to appreciate Burnaby while socializing with friends and family in our spectacular outdoor settings we believe should continue.

Additionally, the “parklet” concept introduced by Steamworks tasting room here in Burnaby is a visitor experience that we have been able to promote over the past several months and is an exciting addition to the city that we hope can continue post-pandemic.

On behalf of Tourism Burnaby, its’ stakeholders and Board members, we hope to see outdoor food and beverage service continue in Burnaby neighbourhoods.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Chris Peters' in a cursive, flowing script.

Chris Peters  
Executive Director  
Tourism Burnaby