



BURLINGTON DOWNTOWN

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Chair & Members of Planning and Development Committee

Please accept this letter of support from the Burlington Downtown Business Association for Report # PB-35-19 (Extension of Temporary Use By-Law to Permit Entertainment/Recreation Uses on Downtown Patios).

BDBA's *Guiding Principles* and *Focus 2020/2: Strategic Plan* jointly support the development of our Downtown business community as a "Unique Destination". Our work is underscored by the principle that Downtown must be "...a year-round attraction that is walkable and inviting and promotes sustained foot traffic for all seasons".

The BDBA boasts a membership that includes over fifty-five eateries, many of them with outdoor patios. Feedback from the downtown restaurant sector was sought and received in the preparation of the present report and it is overwhelmingly positive in support of the staff recommendation.

We concur with the report's author that the recent pilot program has been successfully implemented and we support the recommendation to extend it for an additional 3-year period.

Further, the Association supports the longer term goal to have this permission included in the Comprehensive Zoning By-Law review process.

Respectfully submitted,

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