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To: Mayor and Members of Council

From: Nick Anastasopoulos, P.Eng.
Chief Building Official

Cc: Tim Commisso, City Manager
Heather MacDonald, Executive Director of Community Planning, Regulation and Mobility
Kevin Arjoon, City Clerk
Joan Ford, Chief Financial Officer

Date: January 18, 2021

Re: 2021 Grant Program for Winter Tents

At a Special Virtual Meeting of Burlington City Council on November 2nd, 2020 Council approved the extension and amendments of the temporary patio by-laws to October 31st, 2021. Council also approved amendments to ensure winterized temporary covered patios or tents on private property are safe to protect both restaurant patrons and their associated employees.

City Council also approved a grant program to reimburse the costs of Building Permit fees in the amount of \$5,000 from the Tax Rate Stabilization Reserve Fund for outdoor winter tent structures when a building permit is required, with an expiry date of October 31st, 2021. Permit applicants save the \$280 or \$400 application fee for a building permit for such tents.

On January 14th, 2021 at the Community Planning, Regulation & Mobility Committee, Council strengthened its commitment to locally operated businesses and extended funding in the form of grants to be applied to building permit applications for such tents and alternative solution applications relating to installation of winter tents for small businesses.

The parameters of the grant program are broadly available to any hospitality/restaurant business making application for such building permit or alternative solution application (excludes the formulation/engineering of the alternative solution application) for the installation of such winter tent. The grant program will expire on October 31st, 2021 in line with the existing patio program.

To date there has been approximately \$1,000 allocated to the winter tent grant program which consists of 3 building permit applications.

To ensure that the City continues to support the hospitality/restaurant sector the winter tent grant program will be increased by \$5,000 to a total of \$10,000. This will ensure there are adequate funds for any submitted building permit applications and alternative solution applications.

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Nick Anastasopoulos, P.Eng.
Chief Building Official