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Mayor and Council
City of Delta
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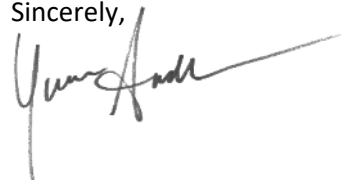
RE: Waiving Sidewalk Patio Application Fees & Expediting Application Process

Dear Mayor Harvie and Councillors,

Here in Delta we are fortunate to have a Mayor and Council who took bold action, early in the COVID-19 pandemic, to help support our restaurant industry through Delta's COVID-19 Hospitality Adjustment Plan, including the Patio and Public Spaces Pilot Project. The resounding success and subsequent expansion and indefinite extension of this program has been a lifeline for restaurants and cafés to welcome their patrons back to in-person dining through expanding their capacity to safely accommodate these guests in new and/or expanded patio spaces.

As we continue face ongoing challenges with COVID-19 on the way to recovery - including the current temporary closure of all indoor dining - the importance of Delta's Hospitality Adjustment Plan has never been more critical for this already vulnerable sector. The Delta Chamber requests that Mayor and Council again waive the sidewalk patio application fees this year. In addition, we request that Mayor and Council approve expediting the approval of these applications through the appropriate City processes, in order to ensure that applicants have every opportunity to welcome guests to dine safely outdoors with them during as much of this year's warm and sunny weather as possible.

Sincerely,



Yvonne Anderson
Chair – Board of Directors – Delta Chamber of Commerce

cc: Board of Directors – Delta Chamber of Commerce
Mr. Sean McGill, City Manager
Ms. Mel Cheesman, Director of Corporate Services
Mr. Garry Shearer, Executive Director – Delta Chamber of Commerce