

Subject: Restaurant and Pet Shop Licences Extension

Department: Corporate Services

Division: Clerks

Report #: CPS-2021-005

Meeting Date: 2021-01-11

Recommendations

That report CPS-2021-005, Restaurant and Pet Shop Licences Extension, be received;

And that the expiry date for Restaurant and Pet Shop Licences issued in 2020 be extended to April 30th of 2021;

And that Council amend By-law 2004-117 and By-law 2005-095 to change the expiry date for Restaurant and Pet Shop Licences going forward.

Background and Analysis

In an effort to reduce the transmission of COVID-19, the Province of Ontario implemented a Provincewide Shutdown effective December 26, 2020. This changed the Town of Orangeville's restrictions from a Red-Control zone, which imposed restrictions without widescale business closures, to a more restrictive set of guidelines.

The new restrictions include but are not limited to:

- Prohibiting in-person shopping in most retail settings - curbside pickup and delivery to continue.
- Restricting indoor access to shopping malls - patrons may only go to a designated indoor pickup area (by appointment only), essential retail stores that are permitted to be open (e.g. pharmacy, grocery store), or, subject to physical distancing and face covering requirements, to the food court for takeout purchases.
- Prohibiting indoor and outdoor dining. Restaurants, bars and other food or drink establishments will be permitted to operate by take out, drive-through, and delivery only.

To provide relief to those businesses facing financial challenges as a result of the pandemic and the enhanced restrictions, the Clerk's division conducted a review of the business licences it issues that are mandatory to operate within the Town and recommend the following approach:

Restaurants Licences

1. That the validity of Restaurant Licences due to expire on January 30th of 2021 be extended to April 30th, 2021.
2. That Section 5.1 of By-law 2004-117, a by-law to license, regulate and govern eating establishments in the Town of Orangeville, be amended to read as follows:

5.1 Any licence issued under the provisions of this by-law shall be for the current year and shall expire on the 30th day of April following the year of issue or until said licence is revoked.

This amendment will change the validity period of restaurant licences from January 30th to April 30th going forward.

Pet Shops Licences

1. That the validity of Pet Shop Licences due to expire on January 31st of 2021 be extended to April 30th, 2021.
2. That Section 10.1 of By-law 2005-095, a by-law to License and Regulate Pet Shops in the Town of Orangeville, be amended to read as follows:

10.1 Licenses issued under the provisions of this by-law shall expire on the 30th day of April following the year of issue, unless otherwise expressed to be granted for a shorter period of time, or until said licence is revoked or suspended.

This amendment will change the validity period of restaurant licences from January 31st to April 30th going forward.

Strategic Alignment

Orangeville Forward – Strategic Plan

Priority Area: Strong Governance

Objective: Financial Responsibility

Notice Provisions

Not applicable

Financial Impact

The estimated financial impact is limited as the proposed approach does not waive licensing fees but rather defers them to a later date in 2021.

Respectfully submitted

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