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Uptown Shopping Center
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To Whom it May Concern:

Re: Temporary and/or Permanent Sheltered Spaces

On September 14, 2020, Saanich Council considered a Report to Council and resolved as follows:

"That the Mayor write on behalf of Council to the owners and managers of shopping malls and shopping centres in Saanich asking them to consider creating temporary and / or permanent sheltered space for people to socialize and play."

In addition, recent comments from restaurants, cafes, and bars have indicated that they too hope to keep their expanded patios open.

With the community, Social, and economic impacts of COVID-19 set to continue it is the wish of Saanich Council to provide flexible options for our residents and businesses.

During the summer months, Saanich's residents have been able to remain comfortable using expanded outdoor public spaces at our shopping malls, cafes, and bars, in addition to our parks, yards, and other commercial areas. As our West Coast seasons change into autumn and winter, adverse weather will present a barrier to their continued access and use.

The option for creation of a temporary / permanent sheltered space will ensure residents' ability to remain socially connected, still be physically distanced from one another, and enjoy their patronage to Saanich businesses. If you have an interest in this opportunity, please contact our staff so we can better understand how to support you.

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A copy of the report and excerpt of the meeting minutes are enclosed for reference.

Sincerely,


Fred Haynes
Mayor

Enclosures

cc: Saanich Council
Paul Thorkelsson, CAO