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## City Council

### Motion without Notice

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### **Getting the Band Back Together: A Pathway Forward for Musical Performance on Patios - by Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailão**

*\* This Motion has been deemed urgent by the Chair.*

*\* This Motion is not subject to a vote to waive referral. This Motion has been added to the agenda and is before Council for debate.*

#### **Recommendations**

Councillor Brad Bradford, seconded by Councillor Ana Bailao, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, in consultation with any relevant divisions, to develop and implement a scoped pilot for amplified live performances by musicians on patios in the public right of way located within Ward 19 and Ward 9 for implementation in summer 2021, as public health measures permit.
2. City Council direct the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing & Standards to develop and implement the pilot program in Recommendation 1 in consultation with the local Ward Councillors, public health guidance, and music, restaurant and local business sector stakeholders, and to report back to the relevant committee with data and results of the pilot at an appropriate juncture.

#### **Summary**

In Beaches - East York and Davenport, artists have shared insights the ways they've been hit hard by the difficult but important measures to fight COVID-19. With brighter days on the horizon, opportunities for musicians to share their craft with the public will be crucial to Toronto's cultural recovery.

Following the Province of Ontario's publication of the Roadmap to Reopen on May 20, 2021, the Province recently announced Ontario would be moving into

Step One of the framework effective June 11, 2021 at 12:01 am. This stage includes provisions for smaller, well-managed outdoor activities and patio usage.

Our City looks forward to once again enjoying music and performance. Reigniting Toronto's arts scene will be crucial to rebuilding a vibrant city and invigorating the small businesses and establishments that make up our Main Streets.

Members of the Toronto Music Advisory Committee and key stakeholders in the arts industry have expressed key insights on the situations faced by the music sector as well as suggestions for a strong recovery. Through measures to pilot music on outdoor patio spaces, Torontonians can look forward to the joys of live performance safely returning to our city.

This Motion is urgent as staff need authority and preparation is required in response to the Province of Ontario's accelerated timeline for transition into Stage One reopening beginning June 11, 2021.

### **Background Information (City Council)**

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