Expansion of musical performance on patios in Ward 10 - by Councillor Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford

* 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 Joe Cressy, seconded by Councillor Brad Bradford, recommends that:

1. City Council authorize the Executive Director, Municipal Licensing and Standards, and the General Manager, Transportation Services, in consultation with any relevant divisions, and as public health measures permit, to expand the scoped pilot for amplified live performances by musicians on patios in the public right of way as approved by City Council under item MM34.51, to include Ward 10.

Summary
In Ward 9, Ward 14, and Ward 19, a pilot project approved by City Council in June (MM34.51) to permit live music on public patios has provided a vital lifeline to artists and live music venue operators. The pilot has been designed by City staff to respect the needs of dense, mixed-use areas while providing cultural enrichment to neighbourhoods that has been sorely missed during the pandemic.

I have received a number of requests from local Ward 10 businesses and the live music sector to participate in the ongoing pilot project. Live music is essential to their ability to rebuild and recover from the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic.

This Motion is urgent as the pilot project is anticipated to close for the season at the end of October.

Background Information (City Council)
Member Motion MM36.47