

REPORT TO: Council FOR: Regular
REPORT FROM: Community Planning & Real Estate
PRESENTED: April 5, 2022
SUBJECT: District of Squamish Patio Program – Bylaw Readings

Recommendation:

That Council approve the following resolutions:

THAT the District of Squamish Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 2012, 2007, Amendment Bylaw (Patio Program) No. 2907, 2022 be given first three readings.

THAT the District of Squamish Land Development Procedures Bylaw No. 2632, 2018, Amendment Bylaw (Patio Program) No. 2909, 2022 be given first three readings.

THAT the District of Squamish Business Licence Bylaw No. 2455, 2016, Amendment Bylaw (Patio Program) No. 2908, 2022 be given first three readings.

THAT the District of Squamish Traffic Bylaw No. 2220, 2012, Amendment Bylaw (Patio Program) No. 2910, 2022 be given first three readings.

THAT the District of Squamish Zoning Bylaw No. 2200, 2011, Amendment Bylaw (Patio Program) No. 2906, 2022 be given first and second reading.

AND THAT a Public Hearing for District of Squamish Zoning Bylaw No. 2200, 2011, Amendment Bylaw (Patio Program) No. 2906, 2022 be scheduled for April 19, 2022.

1. Objective:

To obtain Council endorsement of a proposed new Patio Program, recommended Bylaw amendments (Fees and Charges, Zoning, Traffic, Business Licence, Land Development Procedures) for readings to support the new Patio Program, and to recommend a number of unrelated amendments to the Bylaws identified above while they are being considered for readings by Council.

2. Background:

At the October 5, 2021, Regular Meeting staff provided Council with an update on the Temporary Patio Program implemented in 2020 to address COVID-19 recovery and propose next steps in line with the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch (LCRB) Temporary Patio Program, ending June 01, 2022 Council passed the following motion:

THAT the District extend the Temporary Patio program to June 1, 2022 for businesses with current temporary patios;

AND THAT businesses that wish to go through the regular outdoor patio application must apply by October 31, 2021 to have their application processed in time for June 1, 2022.

AND FURTHER THAT staff streamline the current regular patio permitting process, and present an improved regular patio program to Council prior to April 1, 2022.

Since then, staff have created a new patio application form launched at the start of November 2021 and a community and business survey that launched February 2022.

3. Project Information:

The District currently has separate application and review processes for District curbside (formally called parking stall patios) and sidewalk patios, versus patios on private property, which require application through the regular Delegated Development Permit (DDP) Process. Both processes require review from several District departments and external agencies, which results in a complicated review and application process for both internal staff and businesses.

The proposed new Patio Program has streamlined the patio process to one business application form for all three different styles of patios; District curbside patios, District sidewalk patios, and private land patios. One internal review process was created through the Tempest referral system to streamline internal review processes. The application form (Attachment 1) has been updated to ensure all relevant review information is collected, while also providing guidance and updated visuals to businesses when designing an outdoor patio.

To accompany the new Patio Program and application process, below is a summary table of the proposed Bylaw changes to accomplish these fee, process and design changes.

Table 1: Proposed Outdoor Patio Dining Bylaw Changes

BYLAW	ORIGINAL	PROPOSED
Fees & Charges	Private Delegated DP: \$500 District Curbside/Sidewalk Patio: \$0 (Renewal Fee: \$0)	All Patios (>30 occupancy): \$300 All Patios (<30 occupancy): \$175 Annual Fee for District land: \$50/year (Curbside/Sidewalk Patios only) Exempt Patios from DDP fees.
Land Development Procedures	Outdoor patios included in DDP exemption but references old repealed Bylaw that does not include private land patios.	Keep DDP exemption for outdoor dining patios and remove reference to repealed Bylaw to accommodate both

		private and District land patios in exemption.
Business Licence	No reference to Sidewalk cafes or Patios.	New Outdoor Dining Patio Business Licence Requirements and new definitions.
Traffic	Sidewalk Café definition and references.	New Outdoor Dining Patio definition and references in Bylaw. Extend District land licence term from 3 to 5 years.
Zoning	Patio Parking exemption for Business Park only	Patio Parking exemption extended to address Restaurant and Downtown uses. New definitions added. Class B Bicycle Parking amendments to comply with new patio regulations.

Fees and Charges:

Since 2013, there have been no fees in place for sidewalk sales, sidewalk patio and curbside patio licences with the purpose to incentivize on street patios and create animation. Meanwhile, patios on private land have had to pay a \$500 DDP application fee. Staff have reviewed several other Municipal jurisdictions’ fees and processes and have discovered varying approaches and fee structures for outdoor patios ranging from \$100 to \$1,900 (Table 2).

Survey results showed that, with 98% of those surveyed are in support of patios, a fee structure should continue to incentivize patio creation in the District. In addition, 87% of businesses surveyed were supportive of having an application fee and creating a balanced fee structure among both District and private land patios. As a result, staff have proposed a one-time, less administrative application fee for patios, with no annual fee increases or increases to Business Licence charges. The fee structure is scaled depending on the size (occupancy) of the overall business instead of the location to help incentivize the creation of small patios for small businesses.

The new fee structure is less than the current DDP application fee but would now enable charging a fee for District land patio use. The goal of the fee structure would be to help offset application and processing time to review these patio applications but is not designed to compensate for land use costs. A \$50 annual fee would be required only for Curbside and Sidewalk District land patios to help off-set the additional staff review and monitoring time (i.e. insurance and compliance to licence terms) required for District Land patios.

Table 2: Patio Fees Review for other municipalities in British Columbia.

COMMUNITY	FEES FOR SIDEWALK / CURBSIDE PATIO		EXAMPLE PATIO FEE (18.5M ²)
	APPLICATION FEE (1)	ANNUAL FEE (2)	Year 1 (1+2)
Cranbrook (PUBLIC LAND)	\$50	\$1/m ² \$50/parking stall \$25 renewal fee	\$100
City of North Vancouver (PUBLIC & PRIVATE)	\$175	\$58 (second year)	\$175
Fernie (PUBLIC LAND)	\$50	\$10/m ²	\$235
New Westminster (PUBLIC LAND)	\$0	\$28/m ²	\$518
Kelowna (PUBLIC LAND)	\$300	Small = \$249+ Large = \$3-19/m ²	\$549+
Nelson (PUBLIC LAND)	\$300	\$48.50m ² for sidewalk (min. \$300) \$300 / parking stall Renewal = \$100	\$600
Vancouver (PUBLIC & PRIVATE)	<u>PUBLIC:</u> Small = \$58 Large/Curbside = \$230 <u>PRIVATE:</u> DP Fee = \$1,190+ BP = \$176+	<u>PUBLIC:</u> Small - \$399+ Large - \$65 - \$92/m ² <u>PRIVATE:</u> DP Renewal Fee = \$819	<u>PUBLIC:</u> \$457 - \$1,932 <u>PRIVATE:</u> \$1,366+

Land Development Procedures Bylaw:

A DDP exemption for outdoor patios already exists in the Land Development Procedures Bylaw, however the clause references an old, repealed Sidewalk Café Bylaw 1469, 1997, which was for Curbside and Sidewalk patios. The amendment proposed is a minor change to the wording of the clause, keeping the DDP exemption for outdoor patios and ensuring it accommodates both private and District land patios in the exemption.

Traffic Bylaw:

The Traffic Bylaw includes a Sidewalk café definition and references it throughout the Bylaw. Changes proposed include a new definition in line with the new patio program and replacement of the word Sidewalk Café to the new definition Curbside and Sidewalk Outdoor Patio Dining. District Land patios currently need to be re-reviewed and renewed every three years ([Traffic Bylaw No. 2220, 2012](#)), however staff are recommending this be increased to five years to align with the Delegation Bylaw.

Business Licence Bylaw:

Amendments include a new definition for Outdoor Dining Patio and a new section in the Bylaw to address Outdoor Dining Patio regulations pertinent to the Business Licence Bylaw. Regulations outline the application and approval process for businesses and reference the specific regulation in the Noise and Smoking Bylaws that pertain to outdoor dining use.

The new definition is as follows and is consistently used throughout other Bylaws.

Outdoor Dining Patio means an outdoor seating area, open, covered or partially enclosed, directly attached or near an existing restaurant use for the purpose of take out or service seating or dining. Includes curbside, sidewalk and/or private land patios.

Parking:**Private Land:**

Currently, zoning for restaurants or cafes outside the Downtown Core are required to provide one parking stall for every four seats provided, regardless if the seating is indoors or outdoors. For Downtown restaurants or cafes, parking is calculated per gross floor area. As patios are outside spaces, they are not considered in gross floor area calculations and thus, do not trigger any increases to parking stalls. Patios are typically seasonal in use, when weather is hot and sunny, patio seats are desired, when weather is cold and wet, indoor seating is more desired. Although patios do increase the total amount of seating in a café or restaurant establishment, adding seating capacity with outdoor seating is not necessarily the same as adding to existing seating capacity indoors. This Zoning Bylaw regulation was likely not written to address the complexities of patios and thus, has created an imbalanced parking stall calculation when creating patios for businesses in established neighbourhood node areas versus Downtown.

As part of the Industrial Business Park Rezoning work, Amendment Bylaw 2767, 2020 parking exemptions specifically for patios were explored and adopted for the Business Park. These amendments allowed for patio expansions to a maximum of 120m² without increases to parking stall requirements and allowed for private landowners to use up to two parking stalls to create patios. The amendments also encouraged the creation of covered bike parking structures.

The Zoning Bylaw Patio Program amendments are proposing to expand the Business Park patio parking regulation to all restaurant businesses with some minor changes to the covered bike parking regulations, as this regulation may be a deterrent to smaller outdoor patio expansions. Changes proposed also include some definition amendments.

Curbside Patios:

Parking Stall Patios have been actively supported in Squamish since 2013. The program was created to help activate the Downtown area and incentivize the use of streetscapes for people and social gathering. Over the years, the District has received complaints regarding the use of parking stalls Downtown for public seating, food trucks, or private restaurants and café use.

Staff took the Patio Public Engagement survey as an opportunity to explore some of the challenges faced with parking stall patios and propose improvements where possible. Out of 151 community survey respondents 34 (22%) did not support the use of parking stall patios, with top reasons being: not enough parking Downtown generally or for the business; that they make driving and parking difficult and unsafe; and that parking is more important than patios in our Downtown. In contrast, 83% said the use of parking stalls for other uses such as food trucks, seating or mobile vendors helped to activate and add vibrancy to the Downtown, while 95% said they enjoy opportunities to eat and drink outdoors and 87% enjoy opportunities to socialize outdoors. The survey generally concludes that the majority of survey respondents enjoy patios and that although there are some concerns around Downtown parking availability, they are likely not caused by patios on their own. Therefore, these concerns may be better addressed through parking signage, enforcement, paid parking, alternative transportation upgrades or development Zoning Bylaw changes instead of limiting patio use Downtown. The updated application form does address a number of concerns voiced around the design of curbside patio spaces in order to make them safer for both users and parked cars.

The survey also asked about seasonal use of patios, as the current program historically only allowed for parking stall patios during the summer months. Surprisingly, there was both support from the community (71%) and businesses (50%) to use patios all season long. As a result, the District will offer an annual option to businesses who plan to use and maintain their patio all year. For those businesses not looking to actively operate patios over the winter season, the patios will need to be removed seasonally to accommodate parking needs instead.

Other:

Some additional minor updates to some of the Bylaws are also being proposed through this Patio Program Bylaw amendment. Some are related to patios and the engagement information collected, such as food trucks and some are completely unrelated, such as wildfire and environmental Development Permit Area (DPA) fees. A summary of the proposed additional changes and its corresponding Bylaw are below and can be found in more detail in the Bylaw Amendments attached to this report.

- Business Licence Bylaw:
 - Remove unenforceable Portable Food Vendor Regulation storage clause.
 - Increase maximum size of Portable Food Vendors and change problematic calculation parameters.
- Fees and Charges Bylaw:
 - Added Wildfire DPA Fee which was missed in Wildfire DPA regulations changes.
 - Update to Commercial Vendor Fee from \$300 to \$150 to be in line with the current Food Vendor Fee.
 - Stipulate that Temporary Commercial Vending and Portable Food Vendor annual licence fee is pro-rated.

- Minor Cemetery Fee changes to address increased liner costs.
- DPA 1 Fee Changes (see below section for more detail).
- Zoning Bylaw:
 - Portable Food Vending Alcoholic Beverage Manufacturing use added.
 - New Covered Bicycle Parking definition and amendment to allow in front setback.
 - Additional Bike Regulation changes to clarify changes made in the latest Zoning Bylaw Amendment No. 2824,2021
 - Changes to Table 4 Bike Requirements to clarify, Class A locations, Class B bike requirements and Trip End Facilities regulations.
 - Clarify Class B bike dimensions and regulations as it relates to the new Covered Bicycle Parking definition.
 - Small changes to Individual unit and metal mesh compound regulations to add more clarity to the regulation and ensure proper references to other subsections.
- Traffic Bylaw:
 - Add definitions of Temporary Commercial Vending and Portable Food Vending and include that the CAO can execute Licence agreements for a term up to one year.
 - Allow District land tenure holders to tow vehicles if required (i.e. Farmers Market).

DPA 1 Fee Increase Proposed:

In the past five years, the District has seen a large number of development applications involving riparian or ecological assessments as triggered by the District’s environmental DPA 1. The current fee structure exempts developments from paying the DPA 1 fee when a project triggers multiple DPAs. For instance, a development project will often trigger a form and character DP, a flood protection DP and a riparian DP. Projects that include DPA 1 review involve more staff resources compared to projects that do not trigger DPA 1. This work is mainly conducted by the staff in the Environment Department and is work that isn’t accounted for in the District’s cost recovery system through fees.

Staff propose to establish a 30% DP fee premium for those applications with a minimum fee of \$500. For smaller projects, such as triplexes that involve DPA 1 review, this would mean a fee increase of \$500. For large projects that involve DPA 1 review, the fee increase could mean \$11,000 in additional fees. The fees are justified given the considerable amount of time that environmental report review can take compared to projects with no DPA 1 implications. Based on DP revenue data from the last five years, the additional fees would result in approximately \$40,000 of annual revenue, representing approximately 0.4 FTE cost recovery in the

Environment Department. The proposed increase does not offer a full cost recovery for environmental review services and should be re-examined as part of a future fee review.

4. Implications:

a. Budget:

New application fees will slightly increase Business Licence revenue and licence renewal fees for Real Estate Services. The increase in DPA 1 fees should result in an increase of approximately 16% in the overall DP revenue.

b. Organizational Impact:

This revised regular outdoor Patio Program application and process will reduce administration and internal review staff time

c. Policy:

Official Community Plan Bylaw 2500, 2017

16.6 b. Work with the community partners to encourage further downtown shopping, marketing, promotion, and events, as well as façade enhancements, patios and sidewalk seating areas to activate downtown streets identify key District policies pertinent to the project

24.4 c. Liaise with government and the business community to remove barriers and address points of friction by working to eliminate red tape and streamline processes.

25.3 a. Increase community capacity to address social needs, issues and wellbeing, and strengthen social connectedness

25.4 b. Emphasize opportunities for strengthening social connectedness and interactivity in neighbourhood and public space design.

26.12 c. Create social eating spaces in public places (e.g. recreation centres, public plazas, parks and gardens) to provide an opportunity for social connections and encourage friends, families and colleagues to eat together.

d. Bylaws:

[Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 2012, 2007](#)

[Business Licence Bylaw No. 2455, 2016](#)

[Land Development Procedures Bylaw 2632, 2018](#)

[Traffic Bylaw No. 2220, 2012](#)

[Zoning Bylaw No. 2200, 2011](#)

5. Strategic Plan

The Economy and Local Jobs

The Patio Program updates are designed to streamline processes, reduce permitting turnaround times, generally reduce and equalize application and permitting fees, and create new opportunities for businesses, which will help support economic recovery from COVID-19, and in turn, support increasing the number of local jobs per capita.

Neighbourhood Connectivity and Public Spaces

Patios create vibrant and activated spaces and streetscapes while offering more space for social gatherings. The patio program updates will help to create an equal opportunity amongst businesses to support patios both Downtown and in existing neighbourhood nodes.

6. Organizational Plan:

Effective Service

Staff will focus on delivering outstanding service at every touchpoint with businesses, with a goal of making programs simple and accessible for all Squamish businesses. Service will seek to go the extra mile to support businesses' recovery.

7. Engagement:

Engagement for this program was set at the "consultation" level on the IAP2 spectrum. The engagement was conducted on the LetsTalkSquamish platform and included consultation through two online surveys for both community and business owner feedback. Participation was promoted through the District's social media channels and E-news letters, as well as through District contacts with the Downtown Business Improvement Association, Tourism Squamish, Squamish Chamber of Commerce. Launched in February 2022 the surveys were open for comment for one month and received 151 community member responses and 20 business responses. 482 people were made aware of the project, 292 informed and 170 people engaged in the LetsTalkSquamish Patio Program project.

General themes that developed out of the community survey included:

- That patios create a sense of community connectedness,
- Patios have supported COVID economic business recovery,
- Outdoor patios contribute to the activation and vibrancy of Downtown and neighbourhood nodes building opportunities for social connection,
- People generally like eating and sitting outdoors which relates to the active outdoor lifestyle of Squamish residents,
- Some challenges with accessibility and mobility were highlighted with current patios and sidewalk narrowing,
- Some strong concerns voiced around lack of parking Downtown.

General themes that developed out of the business survey included:

- Mixed use and desire for year-round patios;
- Most business respondents were open to a fee structure or did not have a preference on how it was to be calculated;
- Business owners strongly felt patios animated and added vibrancy to the streets and helped draw customers to the area;
- Loss of parking for customers.

8. Next Implementation Steps:

Review of applications has already commenced, with several patios awaiting Bylaw amendments to receive approval. If supported by Council, quick timing of these Bylaw amendments would be critical to allow businesses to keep their expanded patios operational this summer. Therefore, the required Public Hearing and future readings and adoptions, if supported, are all scheduled in April. Adoption will allow staff to officially proceed with patio approvals for all patios applications to date.

Should the Patio Program proposed require more review and changes, Council should consider extending the Temporary Patio Program until the end of the summer to allow for some businesses to continue patio operation without these necessary changes, while District staff work to finalize Council’s requests. LCRB still has a June, 01, 2022 deadline, which means the District can extend patio use, but patios may not have Liquor Licensing in place if patios are not approved by June 01, 2022.

9. Attachments:

1. Patio Application
2. COW Report (October.05.2021)
3. Business Patio Survey Summary
4. Community Patio Survey Summary

10. Alternatives to Staff Recommendation:

THAT Council extend the Temporary Patio program until October 31, 2022 and propose the following changes to the new patio program:

11. Staff Review

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CAO Recommendation:

That the recommendation of the Community Planning and Real Estate Department be approved.

Linda Glenday, CAO

OUTDOOR DINING PATIO PERMIT APPLICATION

An outdoor dining patio is an outdoor seating area, open, covered or partially enclosed, directly attached or near an existing restaurant use for the purpose of take out or service seating or dining. Includes curbside, sidewalk and/or private land patios. For all outdoor dining patios, a District of Squamish Business Licence is required before this application will be considered.

Please complete the form below and provide any additional information set out in this form, including a required site plan to patios@squamish.ca.

Please note, applications which involve District-owned land will require a Licence Agreement. If the Applicant is a tenant, then a Landlord approval signature will also be required on this application form.

BUSINESS INFORMATION	
EXISTING BUSINESS INFORMATION	
Business Name on Existing Licence:	
Doing Business As:	
Business Street Address on Existing Licence:	
Business Licence No:	
APPLICANT DETAILS	
Authorized Applicant Name:	
Contact Phone:	
Email:	
OWNER DETAILS (if different than applicant)	
Owner Name:	
Contact Phone:	
Email:	

OUTDOOR DINING PATIO INFORMATION	
Is your outdoor dining patio going to be used as seating for take-out/to-go patrons, or will you have food service on the patio?	<input type="radio"/> Take out / sit only <input type="radio"/> Full food service
Will you be serving alcohol on your outdoor dining patio?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No
Where is your outdoor dining patio located? (Choose both if applicable)	<input type="radio"/> District land <input type="radio"/> Private property
Will the outdoor dining patio area be seasonal or full time?	<input type="radio"/> Seasonal <input type="radio"/> All year long

LOCATION INFORMATION			
Fill out the section that applies to your outdoor dining patio location. (Tick appropriate)			
DISTRICT LAND		PRIVATE LAND	
Where is your outdoor dining patio? (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> On sidewalk <input type="checkbox"/> On a boulevard area <input type="checkbox"/> Curbside (in a road parking stall)	Where is your outdoor dining patio? (check all that apply)	<input type="checkbox"/> Unused space <input type="checkbox"/> Parking stall(s) <input type="checkbox"/> Drive aisle <input type="checkbox"/> Landscaping
Total area of District land required (m ²):		Total area of private land required (m ²):	
Do you have Commercial General Liability insurance of \$5 million?*	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No	Do you have the owner's permission?	<input type="radio"/> Yes <input type="radio"/> No

If the outdoor dining patio is on District Land, upon approval of the outdoor dining patio, the Applicant will be required to provide an insurance certificate with \$5 million commercial general liability coverage, with the District listed as an additional insured and with a 30 days' notice of cancellation clause.

DESIGN INFORMATION

EXISTING		OUTDOOR DINING PATIO ADDITION		TOTAL
EXISTING SQUARE FOOTAGE:		INCREASED SQUARE FOOTAGE:		TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE:
Indoor:	Outdoor:	Indoor:	Outdoor:	
EXISTING OCCUPANCY:		INCREASED OCCUPANCY:		TOTAL NEW OCCUPANCY:
EXISTING SEATING:		INCREASED SEATING:		TOTAL SEATING:
Indoor:	Outdoor:	Indoor:	Outdoor:	
EXISTING EMPLOYEES:		INCREASED EMPLOYEES:		TOTAL EMPLOYEES:
EXISTING WASHROOMS:		INCREASED WASHROOMS:		TOTAL WASHROOMS:

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IMPORTANT BUILDING AND FIRE CONSIDERATIONS

DOES YOUR OUTDOOR DINING PATIO NEED AN ARCHITECT?

- If your business has capacity to serve 30 or more people (with or without the patio), then any outdoor dining patio increase will require an Architect to design the patio and confirm Occupant Load compliance with BC Building Code regulation.
- If you are providing take-out only seating to be used by the general public and your outdoor dining patio is not connected to your existing building, then occupancy and washroom capacity will not be affected by the outdoor dining patio addition and an Architect would not be required. (For example, café public seating in a District parking stall situated away from the building.)

Does your outdoor dining patio application require an Architect?

- Yes
 No

DOES YOUR OUTDOOR DINING PATIO NEED A BUILDING PERMIT?

- This application is not a Building Permit. Any proposed structure that requires a Building Permit under the BC Building Code (i.e. covered structure, roof top patio, elevated patio, awnings attached to exterior of the building, washroom upgrades) will be required to submit a separate building permit application. Contact the Building Department at buidling@squamish.ca or consult with your architect to determine whether your outdoor dining patio will require a Building Permit.

Does your outdoor dining patio application require a Building Permit?

- Yes
 No

DOES YOUR OUTDOOR DINING PATIO CHANGE ANY EXISTING EXITS OR ENTRANCES?

- All existing exits and entrances shall remain clear from obstructions.
- Any new outdoor seating, and all new outdoor dining patio exits and entrances must meet accessibility requirements.

Will the outdoor dining patio change any existing exit and/or building access points? If Yes, please identify on the site plan.

- Yes
 No

- Your outdoor dining patio design must not impact access to existing fire hydrants or fire department connections.

DOES YOUR PATIO HAVE HEATERS?

- Any affixed heating device must be installed to meet BC building code requirements and manufacturers' clearances to the building and combustible materials. Contact the Fire Department at prevention@squamish.ca for more information. Any new outdoor seating, and all new outdoor dining patio exits and entrances must meet accessibility requirements.

Will your outdoor dining patio include heaters?

- Yes
 No

- Any canopies, awnings, umbrellas, and other materials or decorations must be flame spread rated in accordance with the BC Fire Code (CAN/ULC S109). Standards other than that are not acceptable in BC.
- Note that storage is not permitted in the outdoor dining area. This includes the storage of spare propane tanks.

PRIVATE LAND OUTDOOR DINING PATIO

(Complete only if your outdoor dining patio is on private land)

1. PARKING

Note, parking in the Zoning Bylaw is in reference to the entire site. If you are on a stratified lot, your parking calculations need to represent the total parking stall count for the entire site, not just what has been assigned for your business.

How many parking stalls are on the property?

How many parking stalls on the property will be used for the outdoor dining patio area, including additional outdoor dining patio amenities (i.e. landscaping, bike parking, etc.)?

2. DESIGN

Location: The outdoor dining patio must be adjacent to the associated business and may only occupy a space as wide as the establishment frontage (unless adjoining tenants and property owners grant written approval to the District).

Complete

Design: All outdoor dining patio structures should be built of solid, durable materials and should reflect an aesthetic of permanency. The location and design of landscaping, lighting, bike racks, canopies, awnings, umbrellas, and waste should be considered and detailed in site plans. Canopies should have visual clearance of minimum 2.6m.

Complete

Enclosure: An outdoor dining patio enclosure such as a barrier, railing, screen or wall must not be higher than 1.2m. Barrier, railing, screen, or wall design must be submitted in the site plan details.

Complete

Surface: The outdoor dining patio surface must be flush with adjacent surfaces next to the business, or otherwise meet accessibility standards. A non-slip surface is recommended.

Complete

Existing Considerations: Outdoor dining patios should not displace any required waste and recycling containers or any existing landscaping features.

Complete

DISTRICT LAND OUTDOOR DINING PATIO

(Complete only if your outdoor dining patio is on District land)

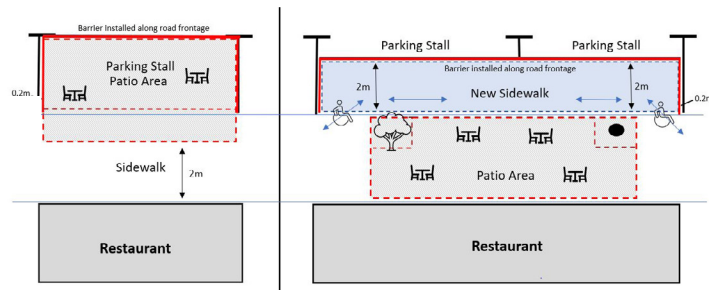
Owners and/ or operators of a restaurant, take-out service, prepared food, delicatessen, or bakery fronting a sidewalk and District road have two options for the placement of an outdoor dining patio: curbside (in a road parking stall) or on a sidewalk/boulevard.

CURBSIDE PATIO

Requirements for outdoor dining patio using the parking stall space in front of the business.

<p>Location: the outdoor dining patio must be adjacent to the associated business and may only occupy the amount of stalls as wide as the establishment frontage (unless less than 40% of a parking stall extends into an adjacent frontage, or adjoining tenants and property owners grant written approval to the District). Outdoor dining patios can be combined for adjacent businesses. When possible, curbside patios should begin from adjacent mid-block bump outs or intersections to avoid interruption of parking mid-block. When two outdoor dining patios are less than two parking stall proximity to one another, the space in-between can be used for more seating or other streetscape furniture such as benches, bike racks, and landscaping, or the two stalls will need to be combined into one parking stall. Note, accessible parking stalls should not be used for patio purposes. Accessible stall and ramp relocation can be considered at applicant expense and at District discretion.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete
<p>Size: must not exceed a width of 2.4m from the face of the curb and can extend the length of a parking stall (~6.5m), with 0.2m clearance from a parking stall line on each end.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete
<p>Enclosure: a continuous barrier, railing screen, or wall at the edge of the patio adjacent to a road and/ or parking area is required and can be no higher than 1.2m. Reflectors need to be installed at patio road side ends.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete
<p>Surface: the outdoor dining patio surface must be flush and level with the sidewalk. A non-slip surface is recommended.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete
<p>Drainage: structures placed in the curbside lane must maintain 0.4m of clearance from the face of the curb to the structure to allow for drainage. Parking stall patios located over or near storm drains are only permitted at the discretion of the District.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete

Curbside Patios



DISTRICT LAND OUTDOOR DINING PATIO

SIDEWALK/BOULEVARD PATIO

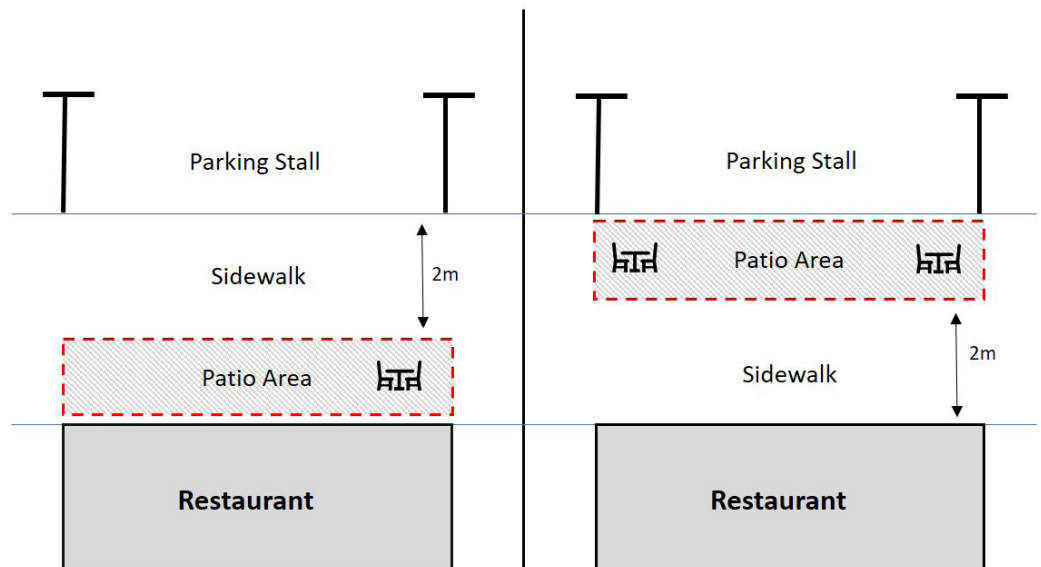
Requirements for outdoor dining patio using the sidewalk or boulevard space immediately adjacent to the business, occupying a maximum distance of 2.5m from the face of the building or the width of the boulevard area.

<p>Size: Patio design needs to maintain a minimum of 2.0m of unencumbered sidewalk. In certain cases, this width may be reduced to 1.8m with the written approval of District staff.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete
<p>Design: Any tables and chairs on the sidewalk shall be placed and maintained by the owner in a manner that ensures they do not pose a hazard to the general public. Any items placed on the sidewalk should be of such a nature that they may be removed within 24 hours' notice.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete
<p>Enclosure: An outdoor dining patio enclosure such as a barrier, railing, screen or wall must not be higher than 1.2m. Barrier, railing, screen, or wall design must be submitted in the site plan details.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete
<p>Existing Considerations: Outdoor dining patios should not displace any required waste and recycling containers or any existing landscaping features.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/> Complete

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR ALL DISTRICT LAND OUTDOOR DINING PATIOS:

- All utility access points must be kept clear or designed to be readily accessible by District staff. If damage to a patio is incurred as a result of District staff accessing utilities, the District will not be liable for repairs. Reasonable warning of utility access will be provided when possible.
- All structures must be free standing, anchoring is not preferred. If the structure requires anchoring, a deposit will be determined on a case by case basis, determined based on the square footage of the space.

Sidewalk Patios



SITE PLAN

All outdoor dining patio applications require a site plan. Please see the Important Building Consideration section to determine if your site plan needs to be designed by an architect or not. Please follow the site plan requirements carefully to ensure your outdoor dining patio design clearly shows the following:

OUTDOOR DINING PATIO SITE PLAN REQUIREMENTS

1. Property line and lot dimensions
2. Building dimensions and setbacks
3. Proposed outdoor dining dimensions
4. Location of all exits from the building onto the patio, and exits from the patio to a public thoroughfare. Please note, exit widths should also be provided.
5. Patio floor plan including: location and number of proposed tables and chairs, and location of two wheelchair-accessible seating spots and aisle width.
6. Location, dimensions and design of:
 - a. Railings/screen
 - b. Landscaping features
 - c. Lighting
 - d. Waste receptacles
 - e. Heater location; if applicable
 - f. Canopies, awning, or umbrellas
 - g. Bike racks
7. Location of accessible access and egress from outdoor dining , if applicable.
8. Location of any existing structures on the sidewalk in front of the business (i.e. bike racks, fire hydrants, garbage cans, bus stops, etc.)
9. Interior floorplan with washrooms labelled male, female, unisex and accessible; if applicable.
10. All utility access points.
11. Plans to show occupant load as per BC Building Code.
12. Patio structures may only be 50% enclosed.
13. Location of Fire Department Connect (FDC) if it is a sprinklered building.

OTHER APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

DISTRICT OF SQUAMISH

Noise Bylaw

The patio must maintain compliance with the [District of Squamish Noise Regulation Bylaw No. 2312, 2014](#), as amended. In order to minimize impacts to neighbouring residents, all service of food and beverages on the patio should cease by 10 p.m. and the patio area should be cleared by 11 p.m.

Music is permitted on the patio but must be kept at a volume to not negatively impact adjacent uses. Music must be turned off at 10 p.m. nightly.

Smoking Regulation Bylaw

[District of Squamish Smoking Regulation Bylaw No. 2042, 2008](#), as amended, prohibits smoking in, on, or within 7 metres of the perimeter of a patio or deck used in conjunction with a restaurant, liquor outlet, or other public place, whether or not the patio or deck is open or is partly or fully enclosed.

PROVINCIAL LIQUOR AND CANNABIS REGULATION BRANCH (LCRB)

- The LCRB must approve any outdoor dining patio that serves alcoholic beverages. Online applications can be made via the following link: <https://justice.gov.bc.ca/cannabislicensing>.

VANCOUVER COASTAL HEALTH

- No cooking or food preparation is permitted outdoors.
- Outdoor dining patios require approval through [Vancouver Coastal Health](#) (VCH) separately. To proceed with VCH approval, contact VCH directly at 604-892-2293.
- Outdoor Dining Patio areas support dogs where Vancouver Coastal Health officials allow.

FEES

- Outdoor Dining Patio
 - Under 30 total occupancy, indoor and outdoor \$175.00(per application)
 - Over 30 total occupancy, indoor and outdoor \$300.00(per application)
 - Annual Licence Renewal (District Land only) \$50.00 (per year)

BUSINESS/LAND OWNER APPROVAL

- I have submitted a site plan with accurate dimensions to the best of my ability to show the extension of my patio space, proposed additional seats and nearby District infrastructure (light poles, planter boxes, etc.).

Business Owner Name

Electronic signature of Business Owner

Date signed

IF APPLICABLE

Land Owner Name

Electronic signature of Land Owner

Date signed

DISTRICT APPROVAL

District Signing Authority Name

Department/title

Electronic signature of District

Date signed

REPORT TO: Council FOR: Regular Meeting
REPORT FROM: Economic Development, Community Planning and Real Estate
PRESENTED: October 5, 2021
SUBJECT: District of Squamish Temporary Patio and Sidewalk Sale Program Recommendations

Recommendation:

THAT the District extend the Temporary Patio program to June 1, 2022 for businesses with current temporary patios, conditional on submitting a regular outdoor patio application by October 31, 2021.

THAT staff streamline the current regular patio permitting process, and present an improved regular patio program to Council prior to June 1, 2022.

1. Objective:

The purpose of this report is to:

- 1) Provide an update and lessons learned from the Temporary Patio Program to date.
- 2) Seek Council's support to extend the existing Temporary Patio Program until June 1, 2022 conditional on businesses applying for the regular outdoor patio program, which will help to resolve some temporary concerns, such as accessibility, occupancy, washroom and kitchen capacity, and parking. This extension is in alignment with the new extensions for Temporary Expanded Service Areas from the *Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch*.
- 3) Seek Council's support for staff to explore a revised and streamlined regular outdoor patio program which would require staff to come back to Council for further approvals around process, Zoning changes and fees.

2. Background:

District staff [provided an update to Council](#) on several initiatives planned to leverage municipal assets to support business through COVID-19 recovery. At that meeting, Council passed the following motion:

***THAT** staff explore additional measures to support local business operations and provide recommendations to Council for consideration.*

Following the meeting and subsequent endorsement, staff launched the [Temporary Patio and Sidewalk Sale program](#) as one of the measures to meet Council's directive.

This program was geared toward the food service and retail sectors in Squamish, which were both significantly impacted by the pandemic. On May 22, 2020, the provincial Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch ("LCRB") released [Policy Directive No. 20-13](#), which permitted businesses to temporarily expand their service areas until October 31, 2020. Following this

directive, District staff created a complementary program that allowed local food service and retail businesses to quickly open a temporary patio and/or sidewalk sales area on District land or private land, through the creation of a new temporary permit, and an expedited application and review process. Due to the temporary nature of the program, District staff were able to streamline the process, offering an approximate five-day turnaround time for review and approval in 2020. The program matched the timeline established by the *LCRB*, originally expiring October 31, 2020.

On October 20, 2020, Council passed a motion to extend the program to October 31, 2021, to align with new extensions for Temporary Expanded Service Areas (“TESA”) from the *LCRB*.

This report outlines recommendations for next steps given the upcoming program deadline.

3. Project Information:

1. Temporary Patio and Sidewalk Sale Program:

Program Outcomes:

Since launching the program on May 29, 2020, the program has seen the following uptake and results:

- District staff have reviewed and approved **20** temporary patios to date.
- Temporary patios are available to serve the community throughout Squamish, with locations across Downtown, Valleycliffe, Brackendale, Garibaldi Estates, and Northyards neighbourhoods.
- The program supports both on-street (on District land) and off-street (on private land) patios.
- While the program was available for retail businesses to pursue sidewalk sales, only one application was received by staff. After speaking with select retail businesses, staff have learned that the low demand is likely due to the staffing requirements to prevent theft, which is challenging for many retail businesses at this time.

Temporary Patio Program Lessons Learned:

- The Temporary Patio program did not increase restaurant occupancy and did not trigger Development Permit review which allowed for quick temporary review and approvals from the Building and Planning department.
- The Temporary Program had one website page and one application, which simplified the application program for businesses. The application had all required information needed for internal review, which streamlined and simplified the review process for internal staff.
- The Temporary Program allowed for temporary structure designs that would not typically be allowed under the usual Development Permit review. **It is important to note that not all Temporary patios as constructed are supportable under a regular outdoor**

patio program. Upgrades both internally and externally may be needed for some patios to meet regular Planning and Building department outdoor patio standards.

- Parking stall patios were allowed to stay on-street year-round with this Temporary Program and some drainage incidents did occur beside some of the patio structures, during large rain events. This concern can be addressed by adding business drainage clearing requirements to on-street patio Licence agreements.
- There were no significant changes to the Sidewalk Sale program and applications will continue to be processed under the original sidewalk sale program come October 31, 2021.

2. Conditional Temporary Patio Extension to June 1, 2022:

New Directive from the Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch:

On June 15, 2021, BC's LCRB published a new Policy Directive, No. 21-09 (Attachment 1). This policy states that the authorizations that were granted to food primary, liquor primary, and manufacturer licensees will now expire on June 1, 2022, instead of the original expiry on October 31, 2021. A key point to the policy directive is a distinction that the extension will only apply to those businesses that already have a TESA authorization (a temporary patio) secured *before* the original deadline of October 31, 2021.

Other BC Municipalities:

In light of the LCRB directive, several BC communities have moved to accommodate the conversion of temporary patios into their regular outdoor patio program. For example, the Town of Comox and the City of New Westminster are both moving to extend their temporary patio programs to June 1, 2022, with the goal of providing businesses with enough time to apply for the relevant municipal permits required for their regular permanent patio program.

District of Squamish Temporary Patio Program Extension Recommendation:

Currently the Temporary Patio Program for 20 patios across the District is set to expire October 31, 2021. Staff have received positive feedback about the temporary patio programs, and many of the businesses are interested in taking the steps necessary to understand how to convert their temporary patios into regular outdoor patios.

The District currently has a regular outdoor patio application and approval process, both for on-street and off-street patios. Staff note that some temporary patios were not designed to meet regular outdoor patio standards and will require more Planning and Building department review and may require patio upgrades (i.e., design, accessibility) or internal changes (i.e., kitchen and washroom capacity increases) to comply.

Staff are proposing that all temporary patios that do not apply for the regular outdoor patio process by October 31, 2021 will be required to dismantle their patio. (All temporary patio permit holders were notified by email in August, letting them know about the upcoming deadline, and conditions needed for regular patios.) This end date will encourage temporary patios to seek compliance with the regular outdoor patio program.

Staff are proposing that all temporary patios that do apply for the regular patio process by October 31, 2021, will be granted an extension to the Temporary Process to continue to operate until June 1, 2022. This extension will allow staff time to review and process the new application and give business time to make any necessary changes needed to comply with the regular outdoor patio program standards.

3. Updates to the regular Outdoor Patio Program:

The District currently has an outdoor patio process for on-street/sidewalk patios on District property (three-year term), however there is not the same program in place for off street-patios on private land. Currently, a patio (to a certain size) on private property is required to apply under the regular Delegated Development Permit Process. Both processes require review from several District departments and external agencies and results in a complicated review and application process for both internal staff and businesses.

The Temporary Patio process eased some of these existing challenges by creating one website and one application form for both on-street and off-street patios. The application listed all of the requirements needed so that only one application was required per business and only one review was required by internal staff.

Learning from the ease and collaboration of the temporary program, staff are proposing to come back to Council to propose a revised and streamlined outdoor patio program to simplify internal processes and the application process for businesses. Changes include:

- 1) Create one application form for both on street and off-street patio applications to simplify the application process for both staff and businesses.
- 2) Present to Council for consideration amendments to parking regulations to allow for some patios on private land to use existing parking stalls for patio purposes.
- 3) Present to Council for review a new harmonized fee structure for both on-street and off-street patio program to create a level playing field for all businesses, and simplify the program for staff and applicants.
- 4) Present to Council any revisions made to the on-street patio program as it specifically relates to downtown parking stall outdoor patios.

4. Implications:

a. Budget:

The temporary patio program was a free application and did not get recorded in Business Licence annual fees. Temporary patios applying for the regular outdoor patio program may increase Business Licence revenue.

b. Organizational Impact:

A revised regular outdoor patio program application and process will reduce administration and internal review staff time.

c. Policy:

Official Community Plan Bylaw 2500, 2017

16.6 Policies

b) Work with the community partners to encourage further downtown shopping, marketing, promotion and events, as well as façade enhancements, patios and sidewalk seating areas to activate downtown streets.

d. Bylaws:

- *Traffic Bylaw No. 2220, 2012,*
- *Fees and Charges Bylaw No. 2012, 2007, as amended*
- District of Squamish Official Community Plan Bylaw No. 2500, 2017; and,
- District of Squamish Zoning Bylaw No. 2200, 2011.

5. Council Priority Areas

The Economy and Local Jobs

These programs are designed to streamline processes, reduce permitting turnaround times, suspend application and permitting fees, and create new opportunities for businesses, which will help support economic recovery from COVID-19, and in turn support increasing the number of local jobs per capita.

6. Organizational Plan:

Effective Service

Staff will focus on delivering outstanding service at every touchpoint with businesses, with a goal of making programs simple and accessible for all Squamish businesses. Service will seek to go the extra mile to support businesses' recovery.

7. Engagement:

The Temporary Patio and Sidewalk Sale Program set the public impact level at Consult under the IAP2 framework. If staff are directed by Council to explore a new patio application process and fee structure, engagement with relevant businesses and organizations including the BIA will be a key factor to help inform the proposed parking and fee structure considerations.

8. Next Implementation Steps:

Provide information and support to those businesses who would like to convert their temporary patio into the regular outdoor patio program, and ensure website and communications are up to date.

9. Attachments:

1. Liquor and Cannabis Regulation Branch Policy Directive No. 21-09

10. Alternatives to Staff Recommendation:

THAT Council direct staff to revisit program recommendations and return at the earliest date.

11. Staff Review

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Kerry Hamilton, Planner
Nav Gill, Portfolio Administrator

Reviewed By:

Katherine Mulligan, Economic Development Officer
Gary Buxton, General Manager of Community Planning & Infrastructure
Heather Boxrud, Chief Financial Officer
Robin Arthurs, General Manager of Corporate Services

CAO Recommendation:

That the recommendation of the Economic Development, Community Planning and Real Estate Departments be approved.

Linda Glenday, CAO

Patio Program Business Survey

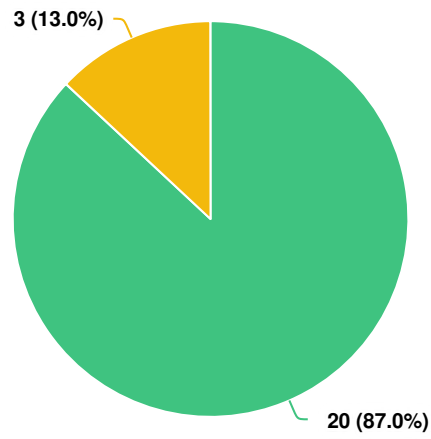
BUSINESS SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

01 October 2021 - 17 March 2022

PROJECT NAME:

Patios Program

Q1 Are you a business owner or operator in Squamish?

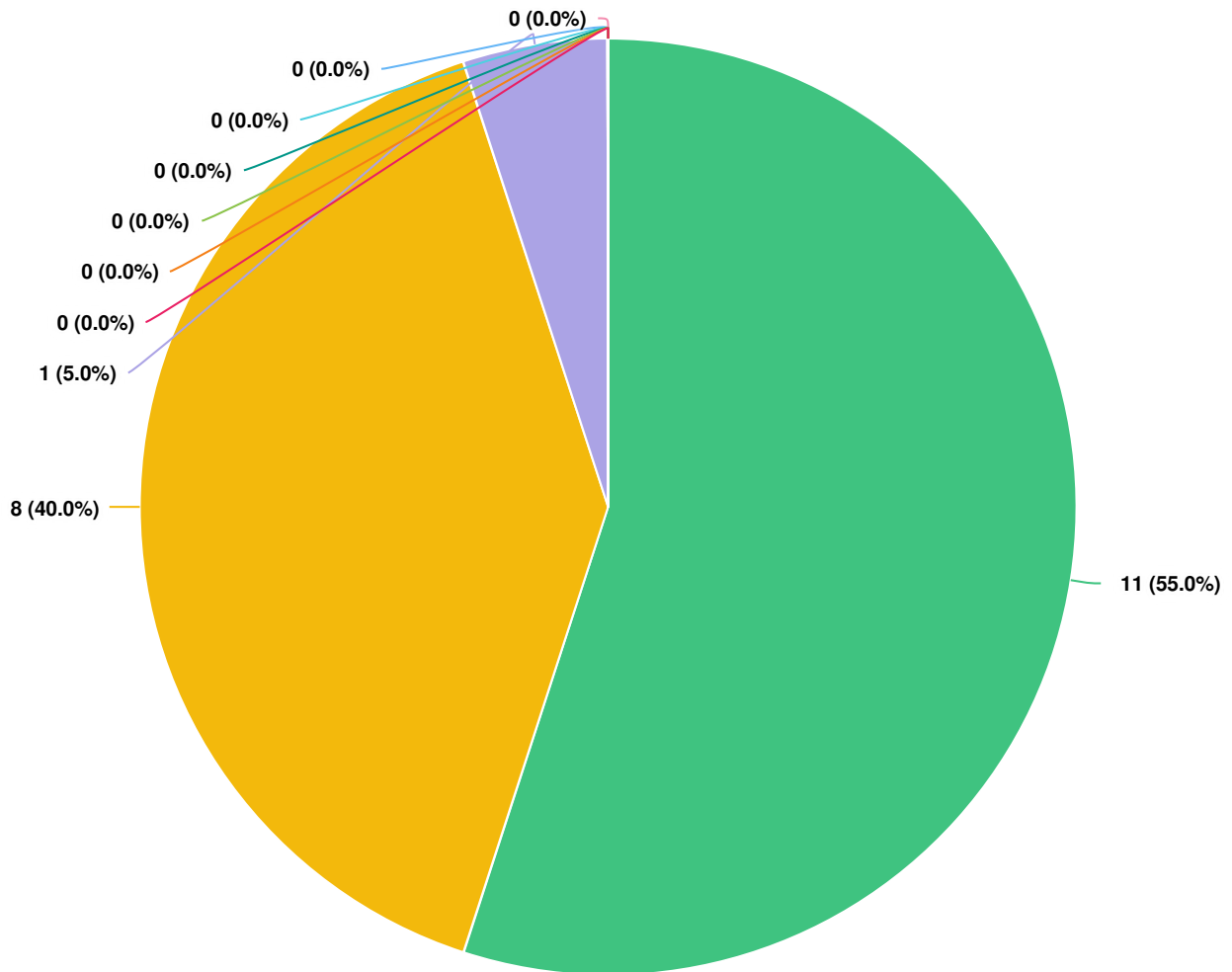


Question options

- Yes
- No

Mandatory Question (23 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q2 What industry is your business in?

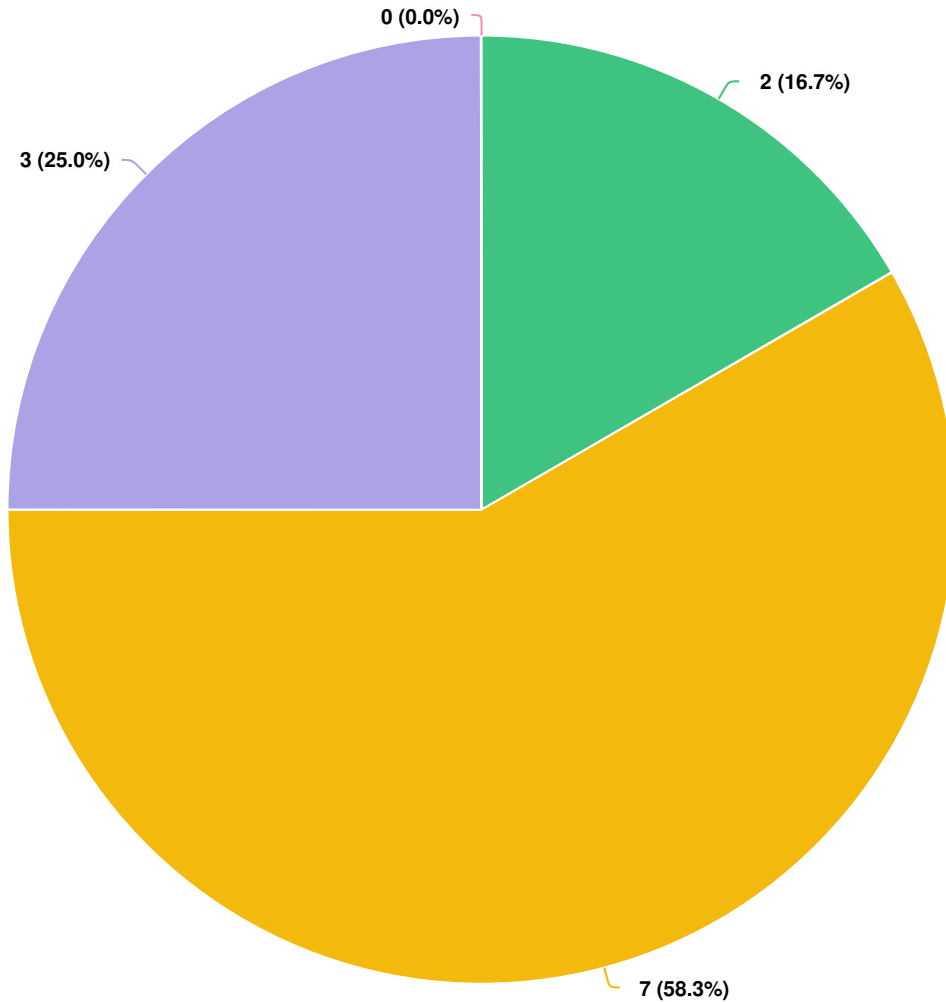


Question options

- Restaurant/ Cafe
 ● Retail Trade
 ● Other (please specify)
 ● Educational services
 ● Accommodation
- Manufacturing
 ● Transportation and warehousing
 ● Arts, entertainment and recreation
- Real estate and rental and leasing
 ● Construction

Mandatory Question (20 response(s))
 Question type: Dropdown Question

Q3 Which statement best matches your situation?

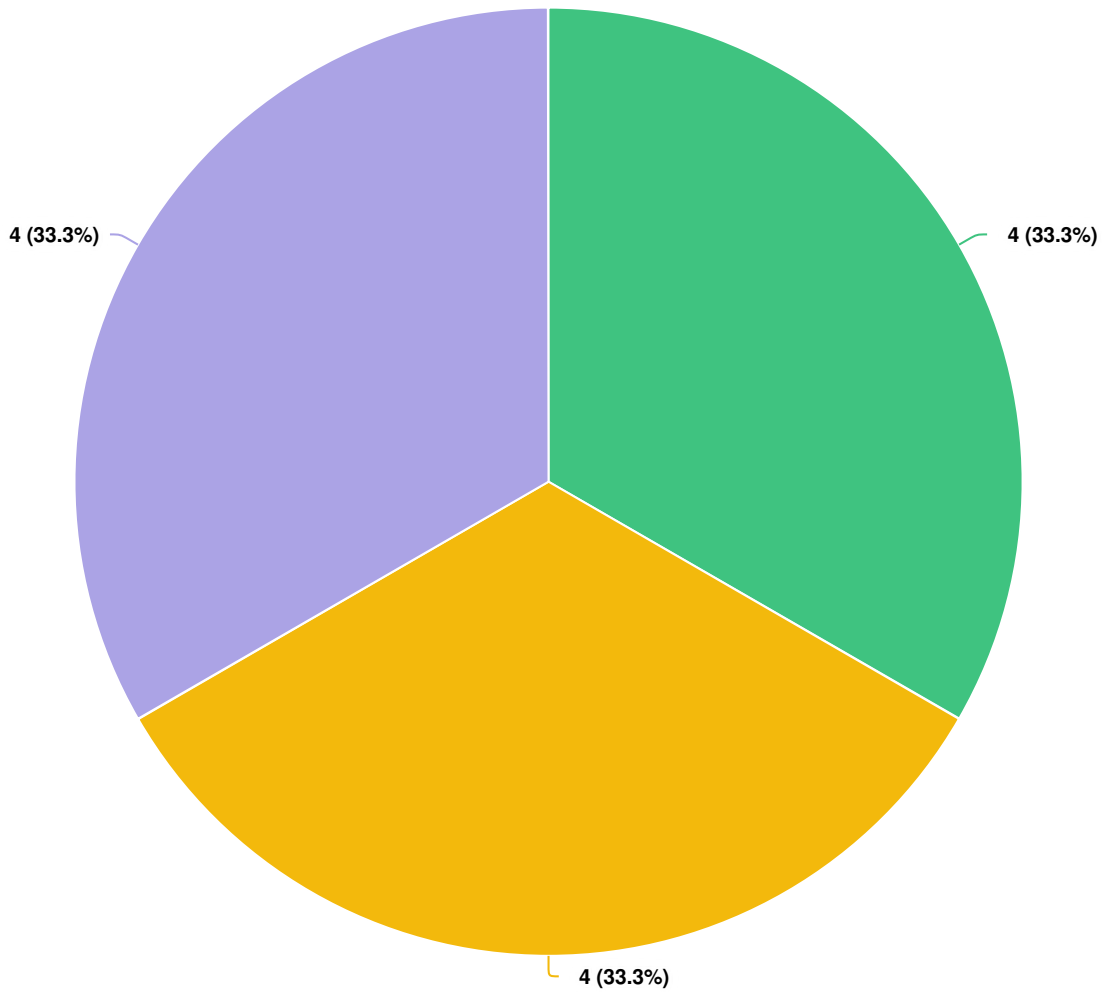


Question options

- I plan to continue operating my current patio without any changes
- I plan to improve or expand my existing patio
- I do not have a patio but I plan to construct a patio
- I do not have a patio and do not plan on constructing one

Mandatory Question (12 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q4 Is your patio on private land or District land? If you plan to construct a new patio, please answer this question based on where you expect your new patio to be located.

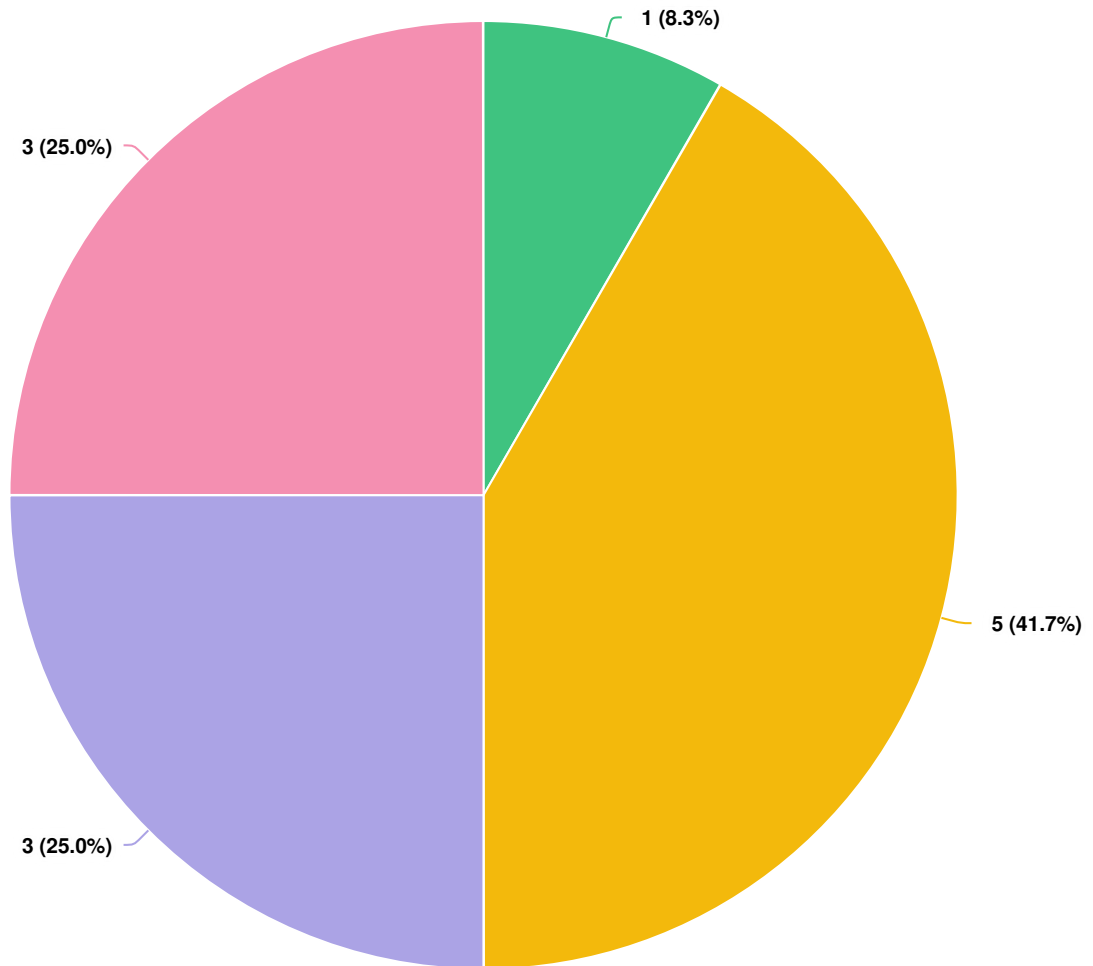


Question options

- Private land patio only
- Private land patio and District land patio (sidewalk or parking stall)
- District land patio only (sidewalk or parking stall)

*Optional question (12 response(s), 11 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question*

Q5 Which application process was your patio approved through?

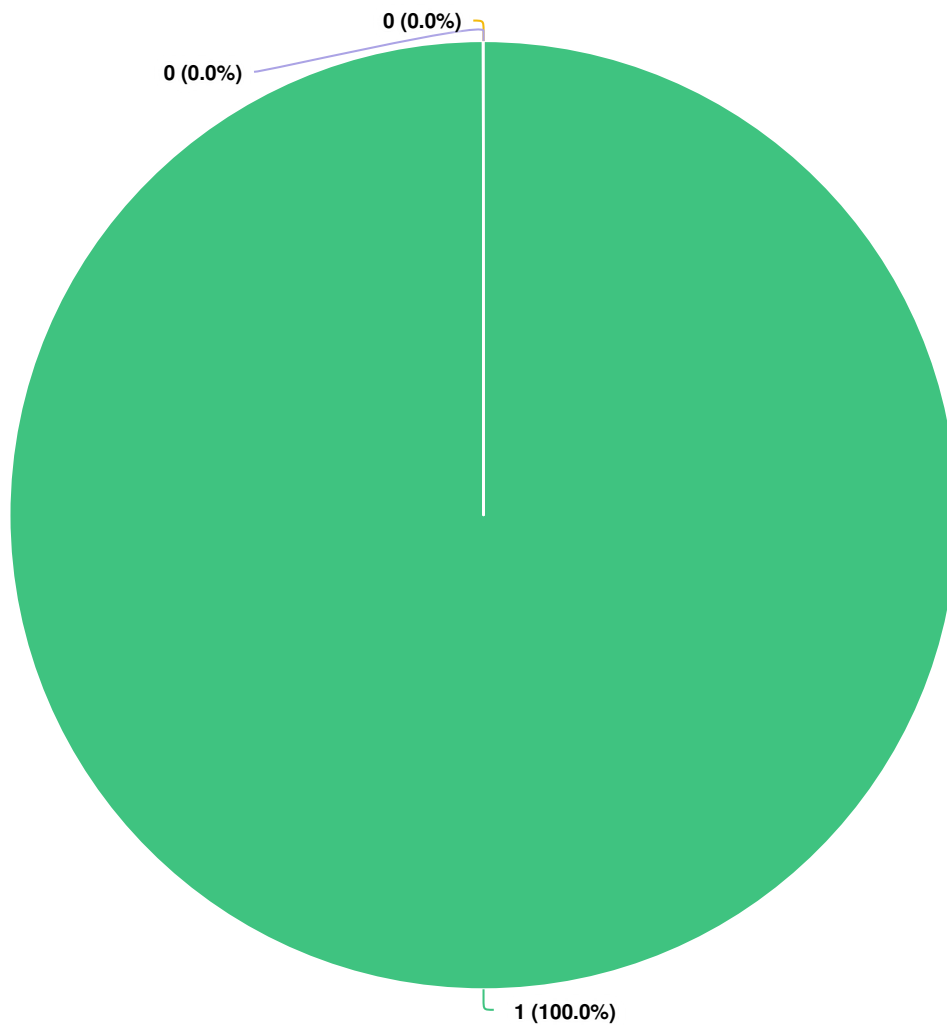


Question options

- My patio was approved before March 2020
- My patio was approved through the Temporary Patio Program after March 2020
- My patio was approved before March 2020 but was expanded with the Temporary Patio Program after March 2020
- I would like to build a new patio or expand my current patio through the new patio program.

Mandatory Question (12 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q6 The application process was quick.

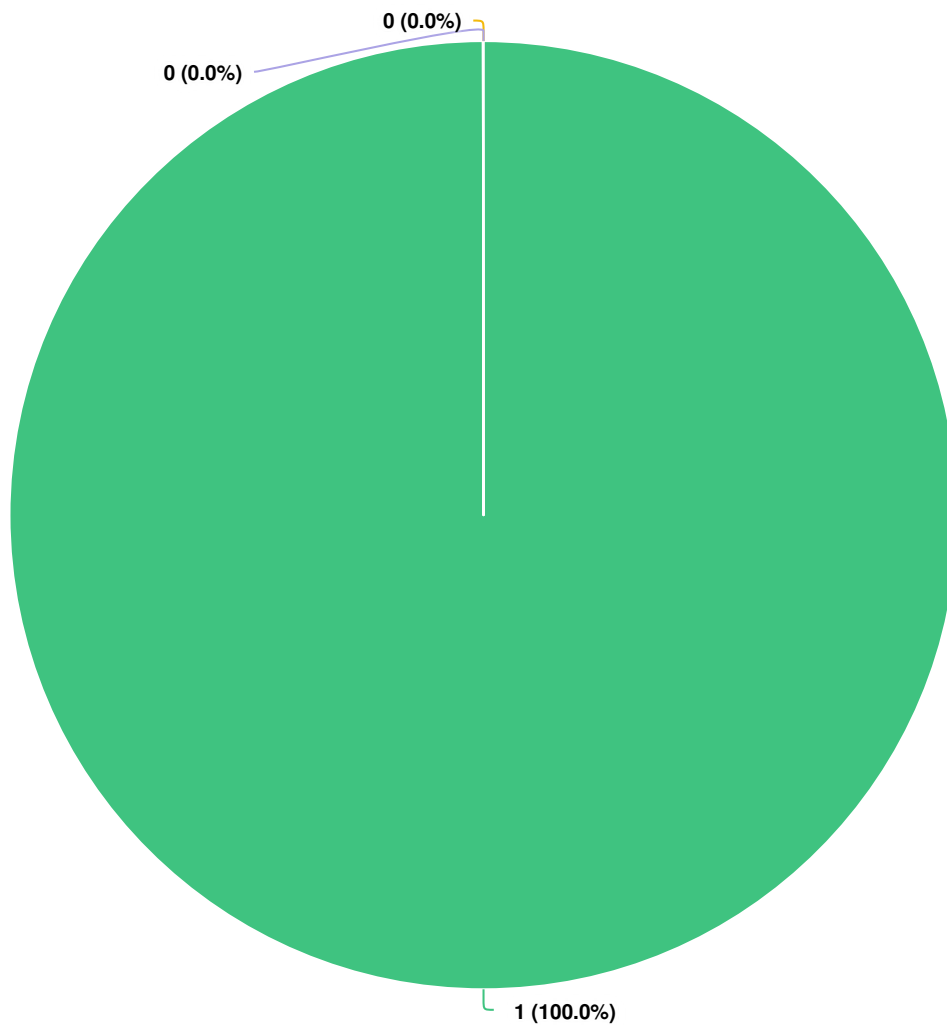


Question options

- Neutral
- Agree
- Disagree

Mandatory Question (1 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q7 The application process was simple and easy to understand.

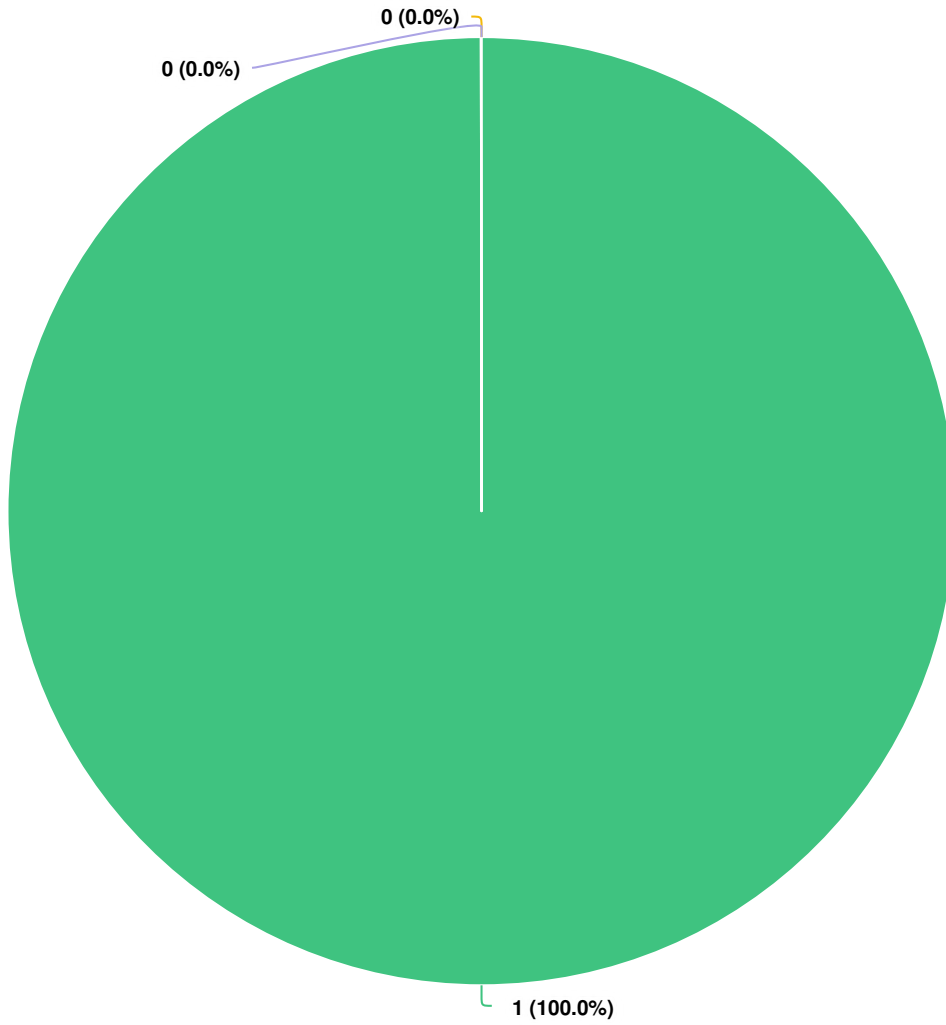


Question options

- Agree
- Disagree
- Neutral

Mandatory Question (1 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q9 Staff review time for my application was reasonable.

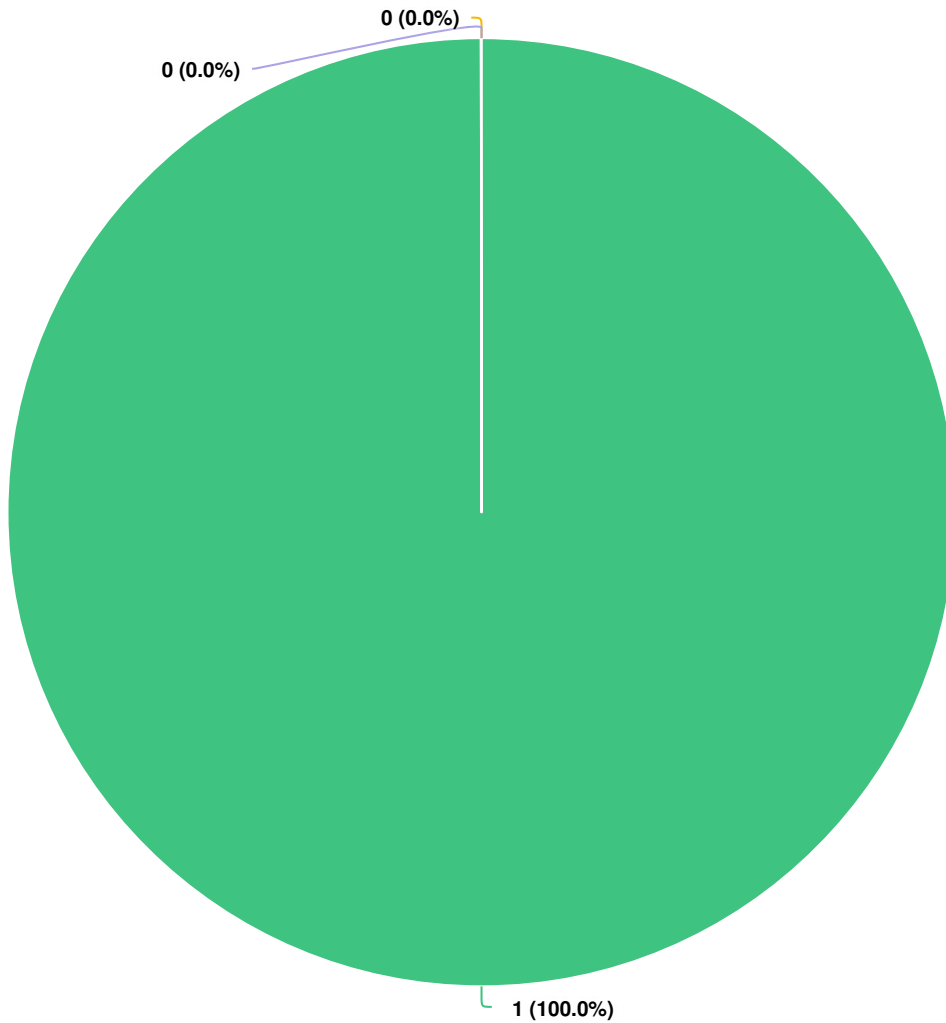


Question options

- Neutral
- Agree
- Disagree

Mandatory Question (1 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q10 Permit requirements are cost prohibitive (such as architectural drawings and permit design requirements).

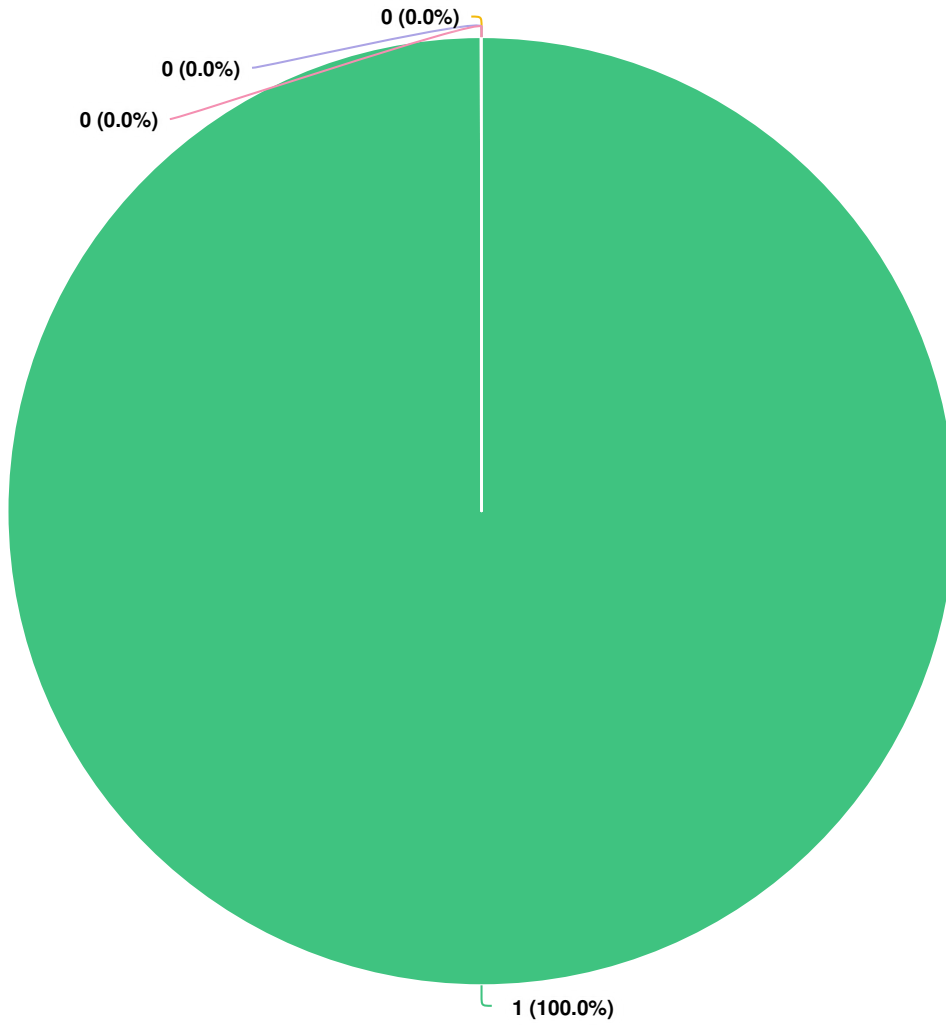


Question options

- Agree
- Disagree
- Neutral

Mandatory Question (1 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q11 | The \$500 application fee for a patio on private land was reasonable:

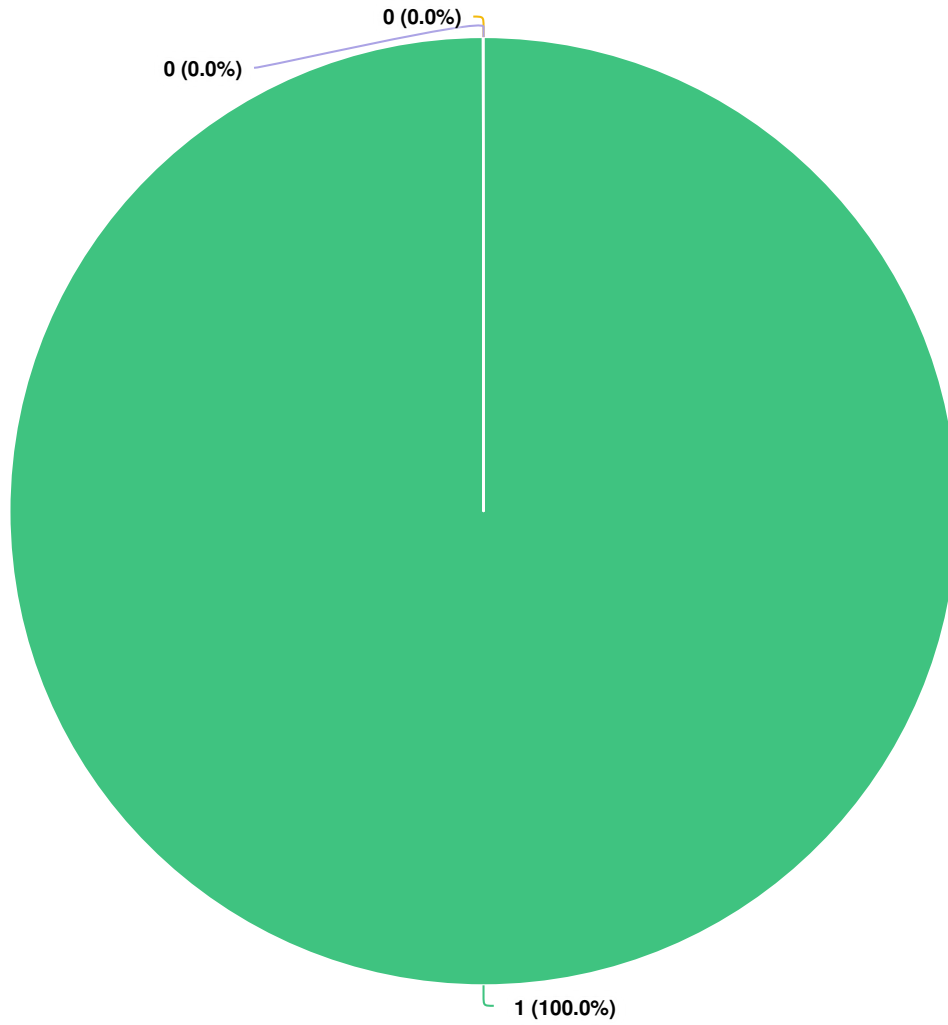


Question options

- Agree
- Disagree
- Neutral
- My patio is on District land so I did not pay a fee

Mandatory Question (1 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q13 The District staff review process was helpful in the design and delivery of my patio.

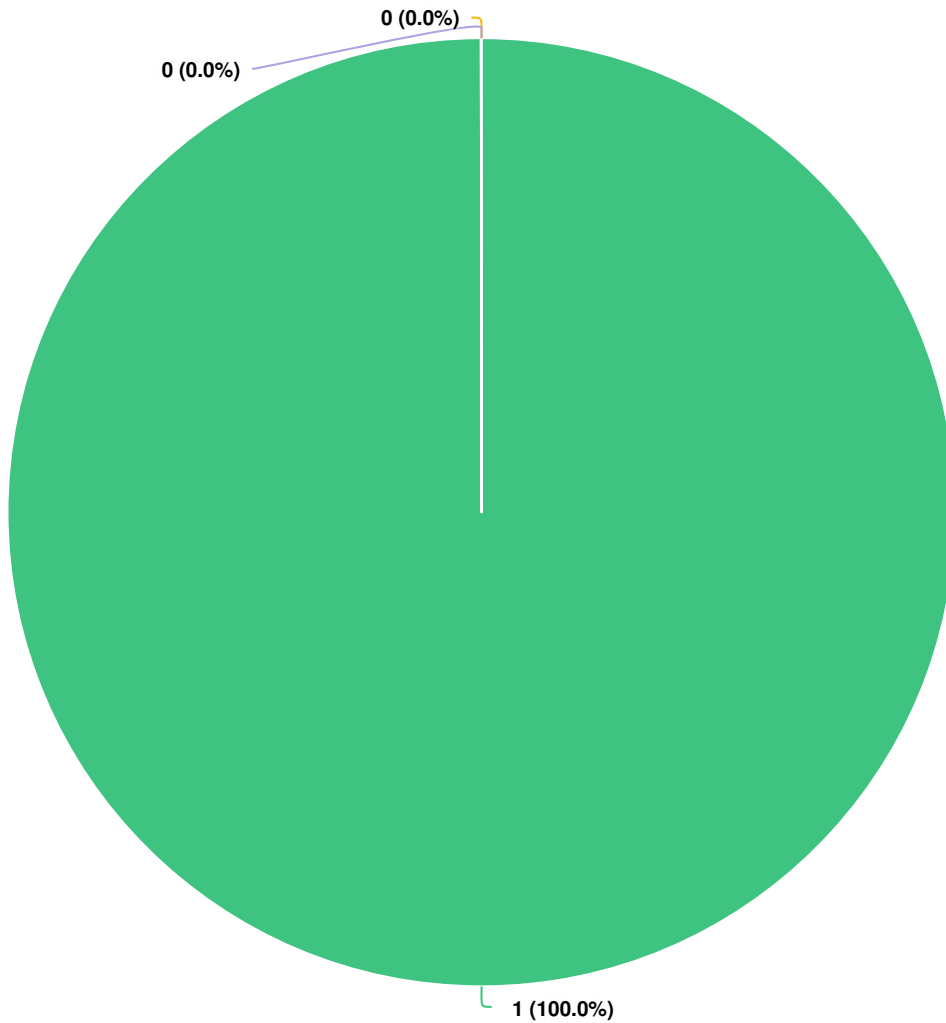


Question options

- Neutral
- Agree
- Disagree

Mandatory Question (1 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q15 | The parking requirements for private land make it difficult to build or expand a patio in Squamish.

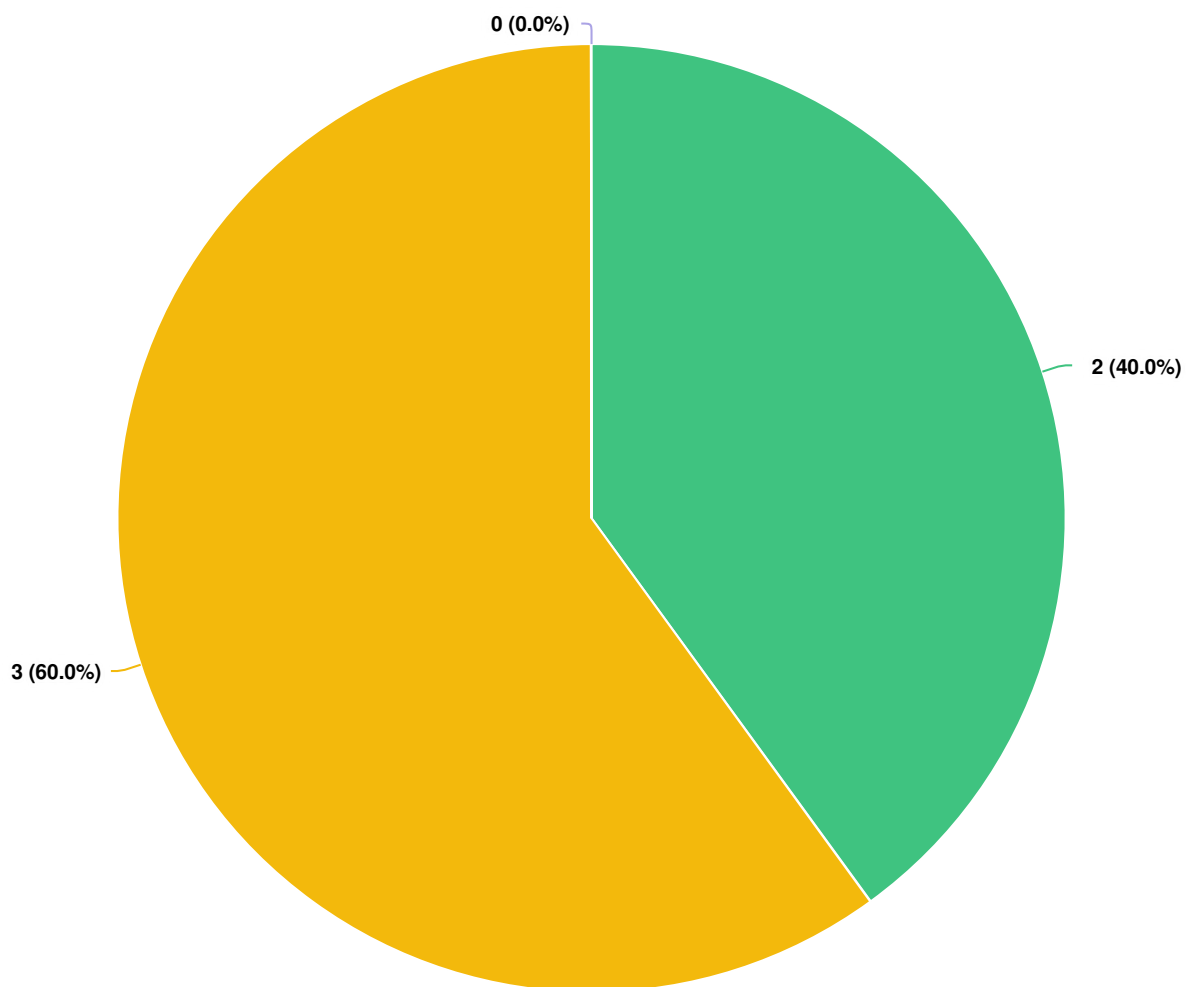


Question options

- Neutral
- Agree
- Disagree

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Q16 The application process was quick.

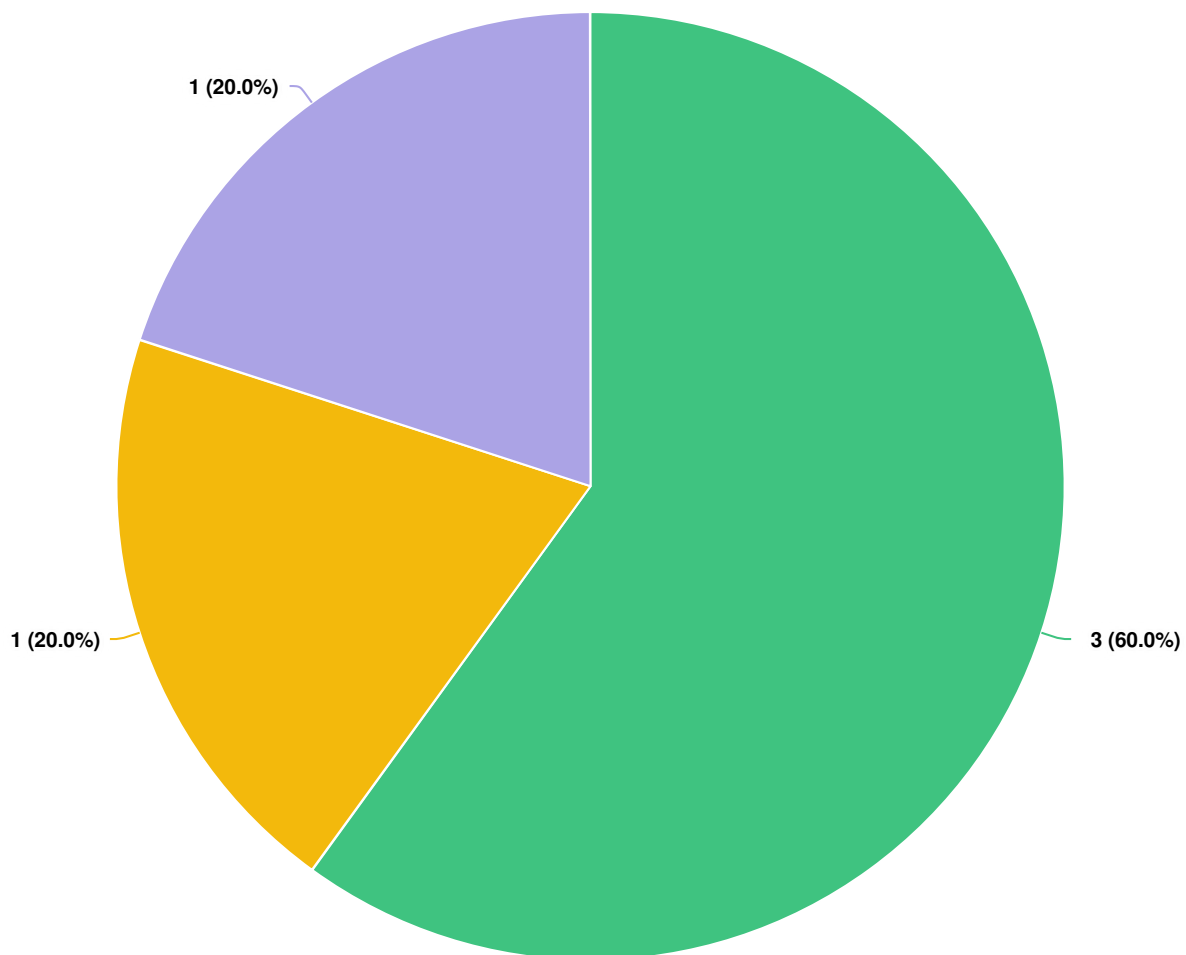


Question options

- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

Mandatory Question (5 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q17 | The application process was simple and easy to understand.



Question options

- Agree
- Disagree
- Neutral

Mandatory Question (5 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

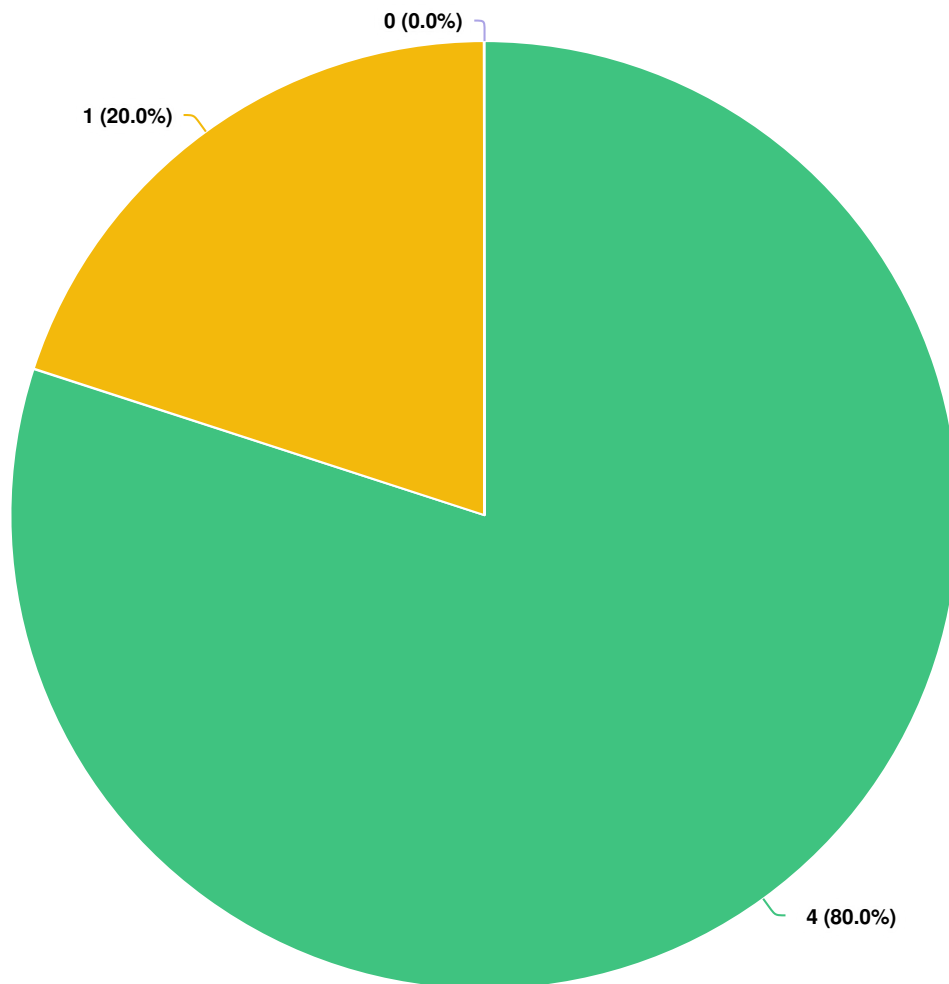
Q18 | **What would make the application process easier to understand?**

A better application form

Mandatory Question (1 response(s))

Question type: Single Line Question

Q19 Staff review time for my application was reasonable.

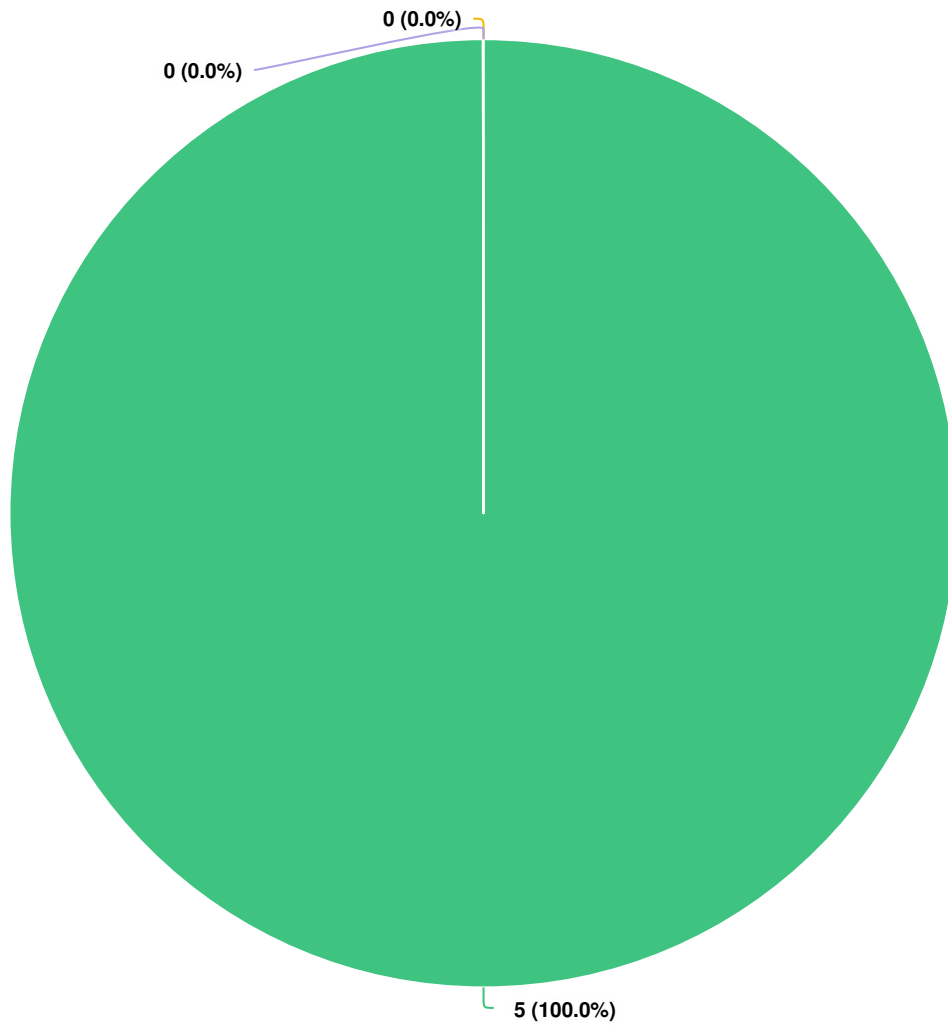


Question options

- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

Mandatory Question (5 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q20 | The temporary patio program had no fees, while some patios in the regular program were charged fees. Based on this, it is reasonable for there to be a fee for my business to join the regular patio program.

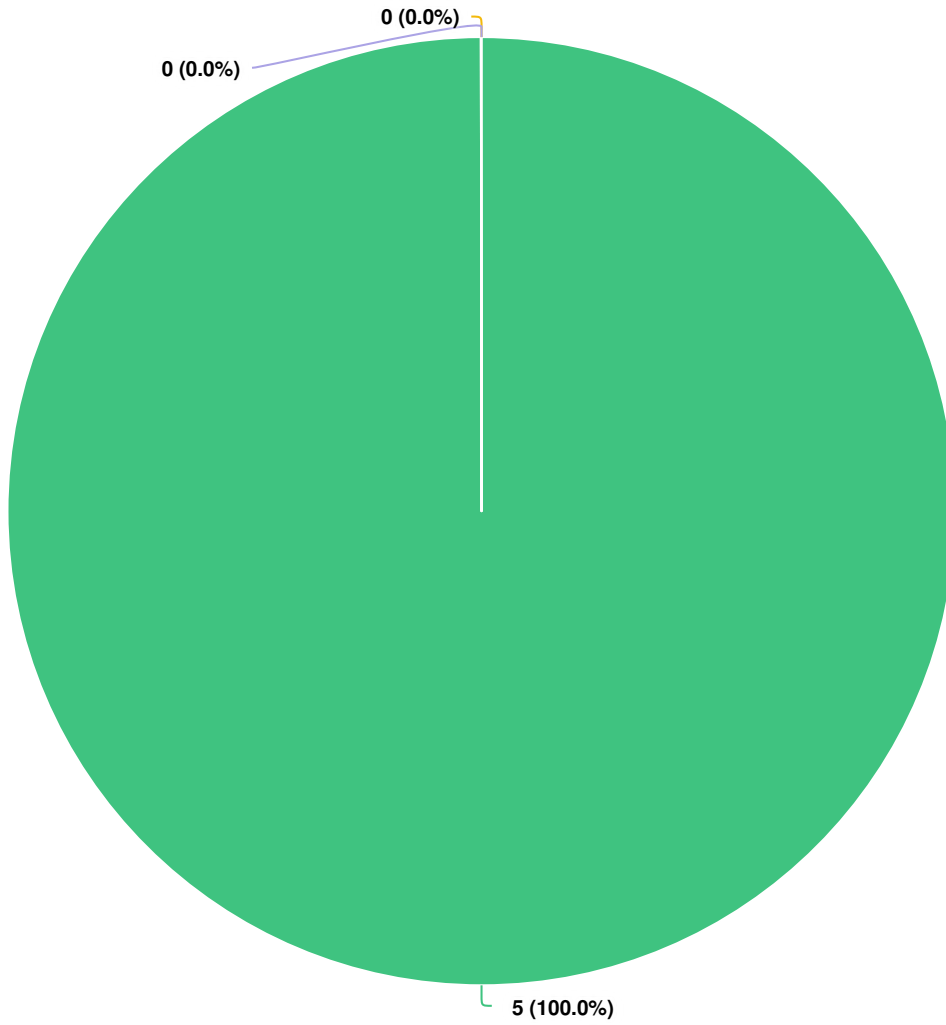


Question options

- Agree
- Disagree
- Neutral

Mandatory Question (5 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q21 | **Being able to submit hand drawn patio designs made the application process easier.**

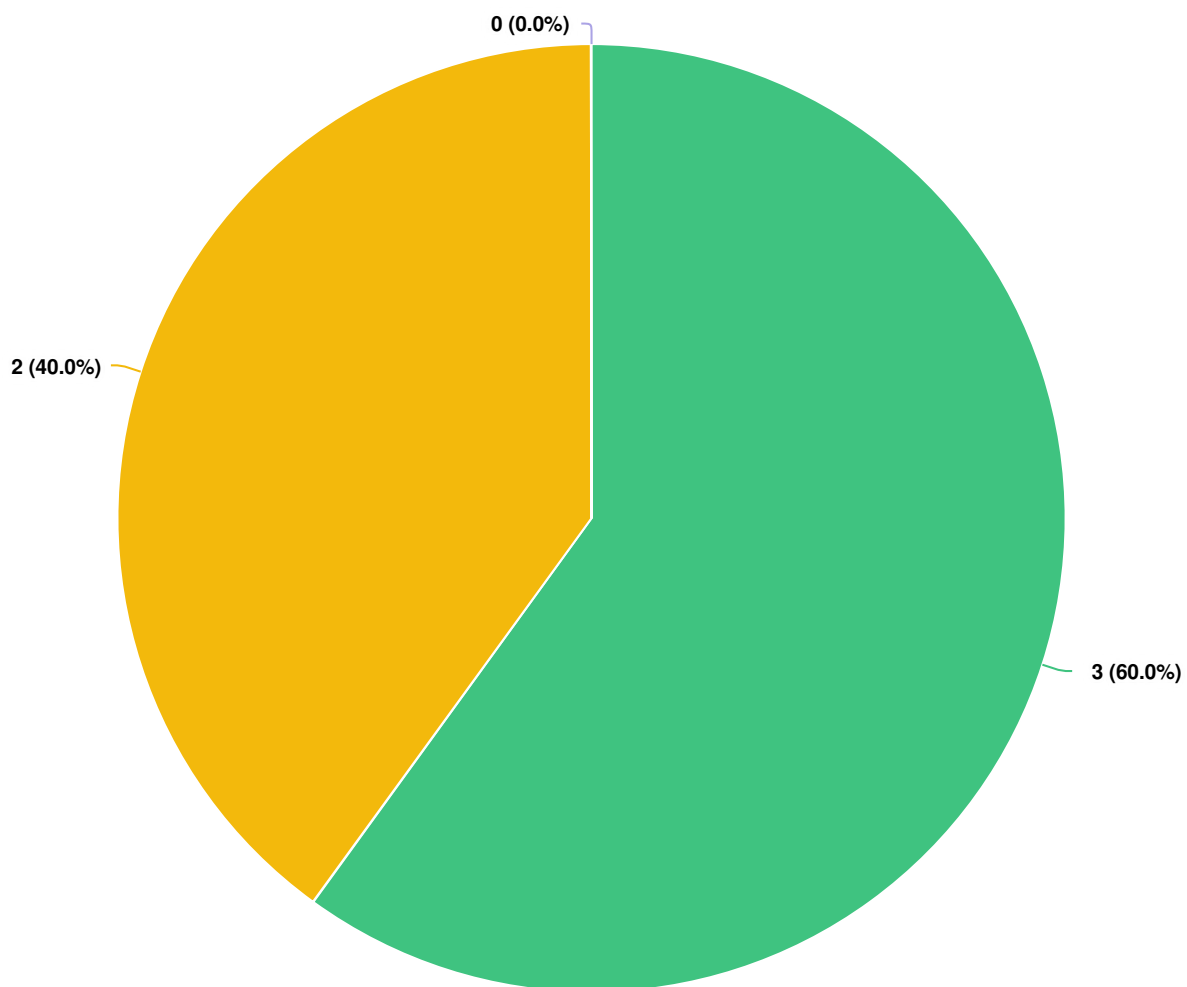


Question options

- Agree
- Disagree
- Neutral

Mandatory Question (5 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q22 The temporary construction designs helped my business save costs

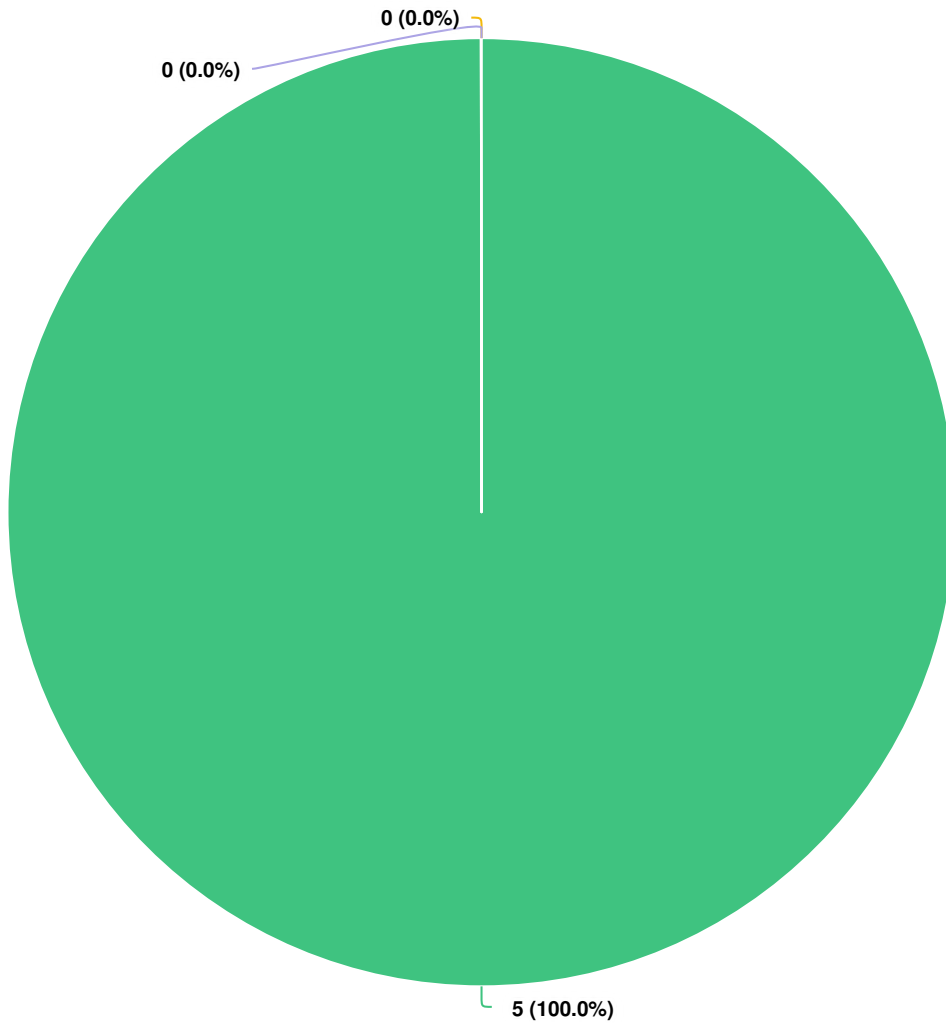


Question options

- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

Mandatory Question (5 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q23 Being able to use parking stalls without more permits or processes made it easier to build or expand my patio.

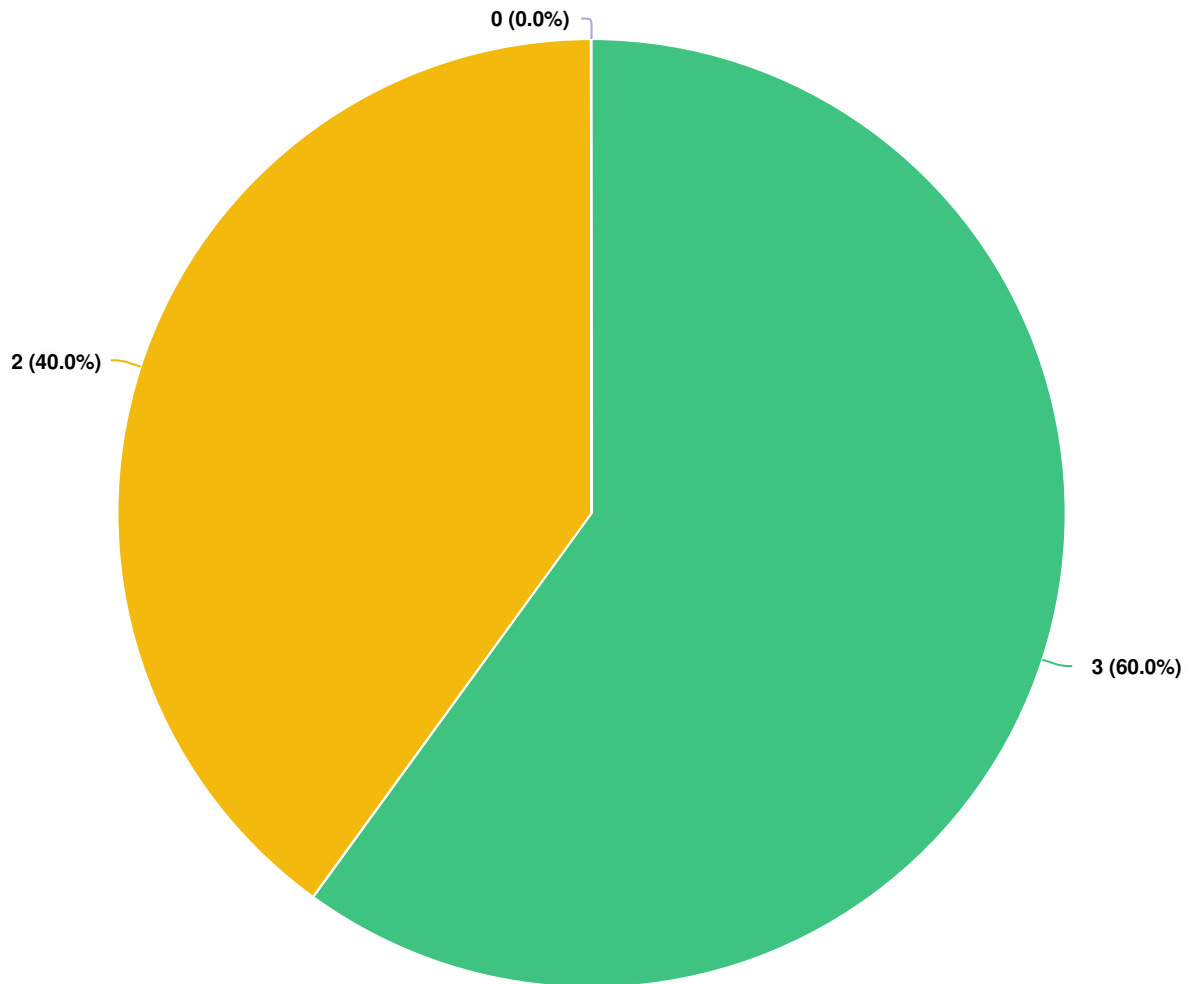


Question options

- Agree
- Disagree
- Neutral

Mandatory Question (5 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q24 I would like to be able to use more parking stalls to make my patio larger.

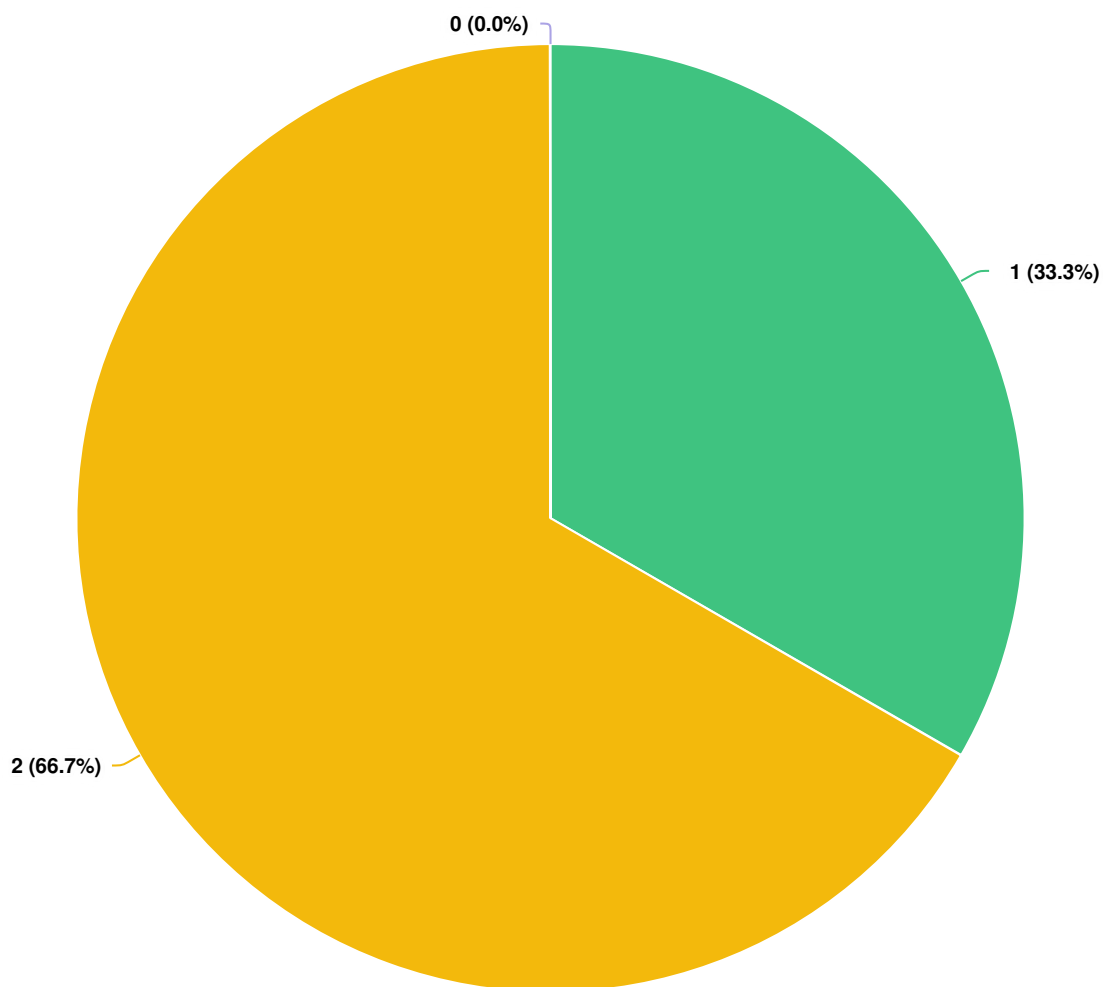


Question options

- Agree
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- Disagree

Mandatory Question (5 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q25 The application process was quick.

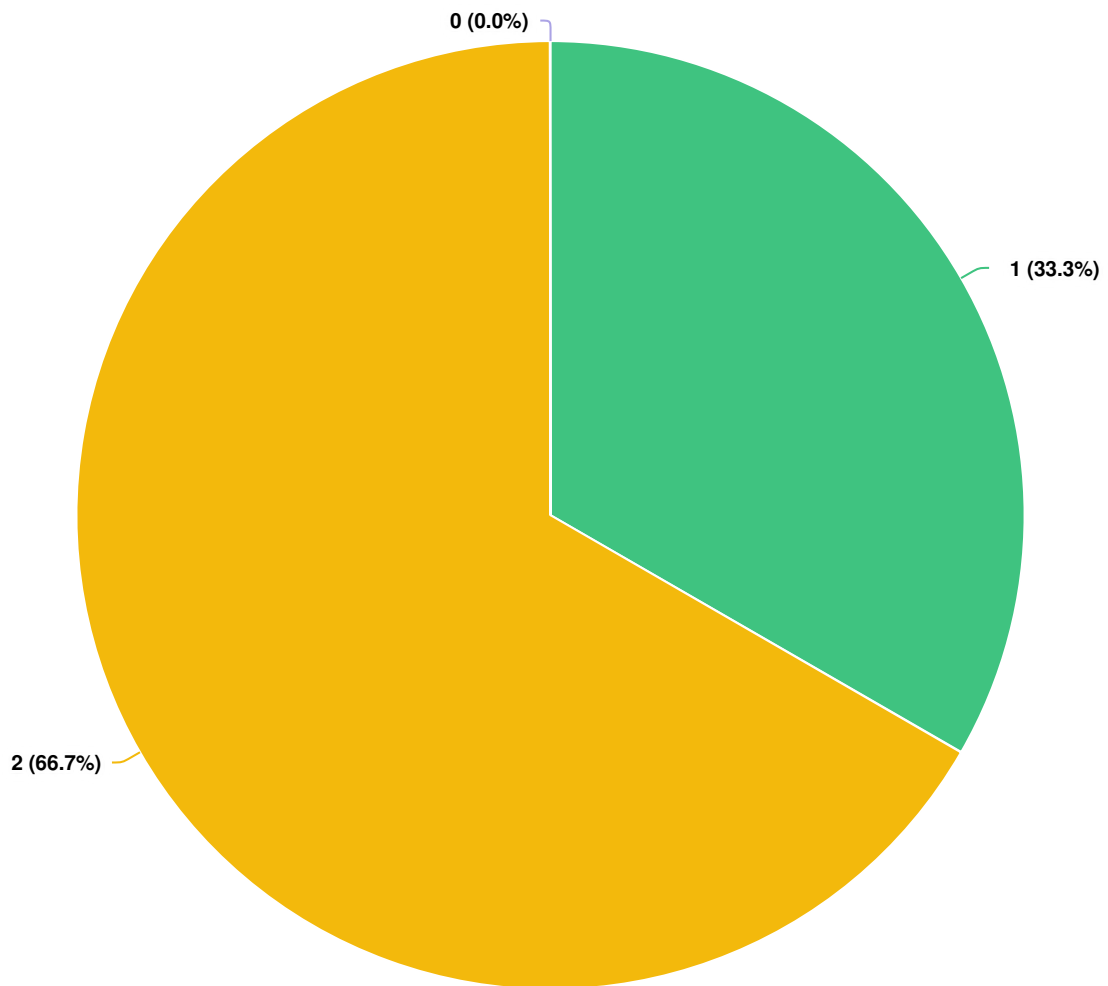


Question options

- Agree
- Disagree
- Neutral

Mandatory Question (3 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q26 The application process was simple and easy to understand.



Question options

- Agree
- Disagree
- Neutral

Mandatory Question (3 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q27 | **What would make the application process easier to understand?**

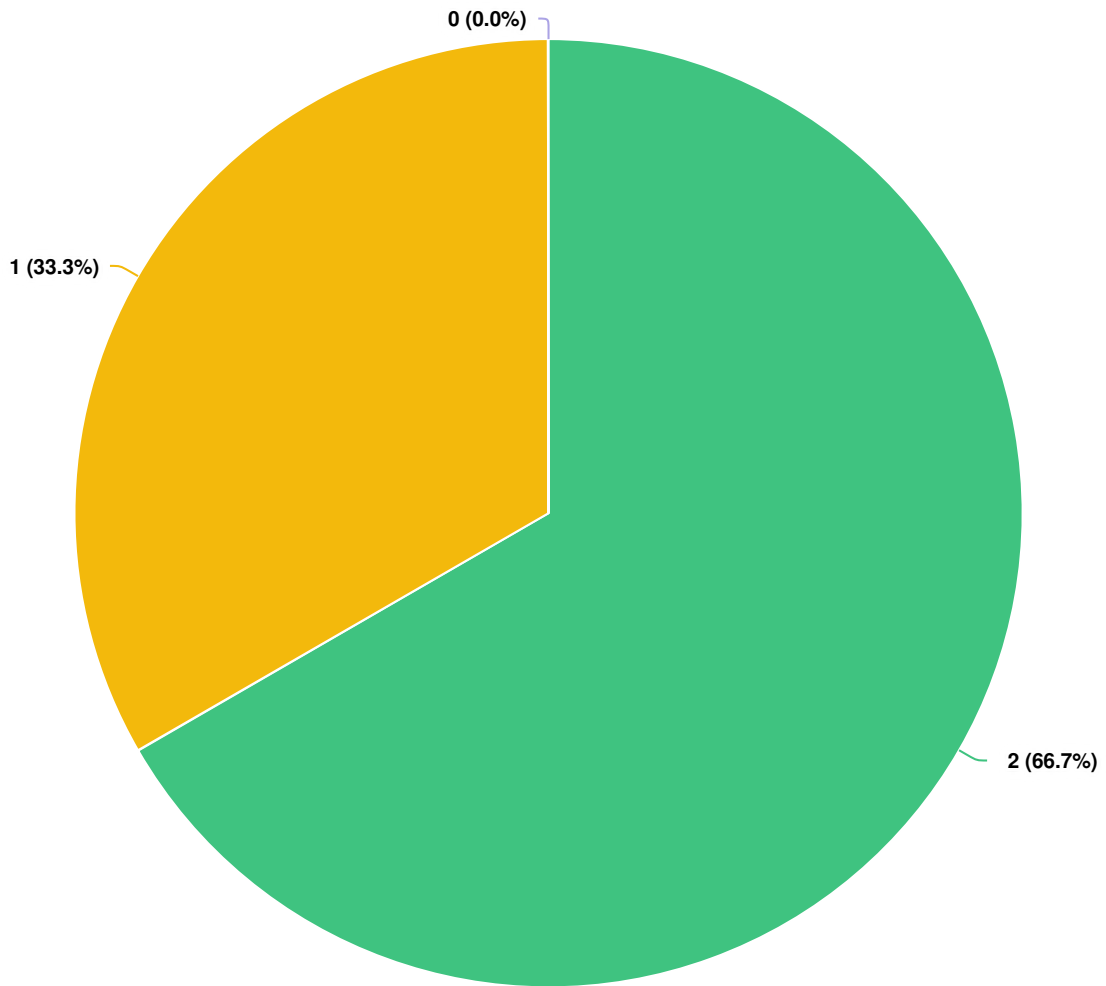
Better communication with businesses. When covid came, the District employees were working from home and very few people were accessible or replying to emails sent to the District departments. Emails got completely missed and not even a reply back.

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Mandatory Question (2 response(s))

Question type: Single Line Question

Q28 Staff review time for my application was reasonable.

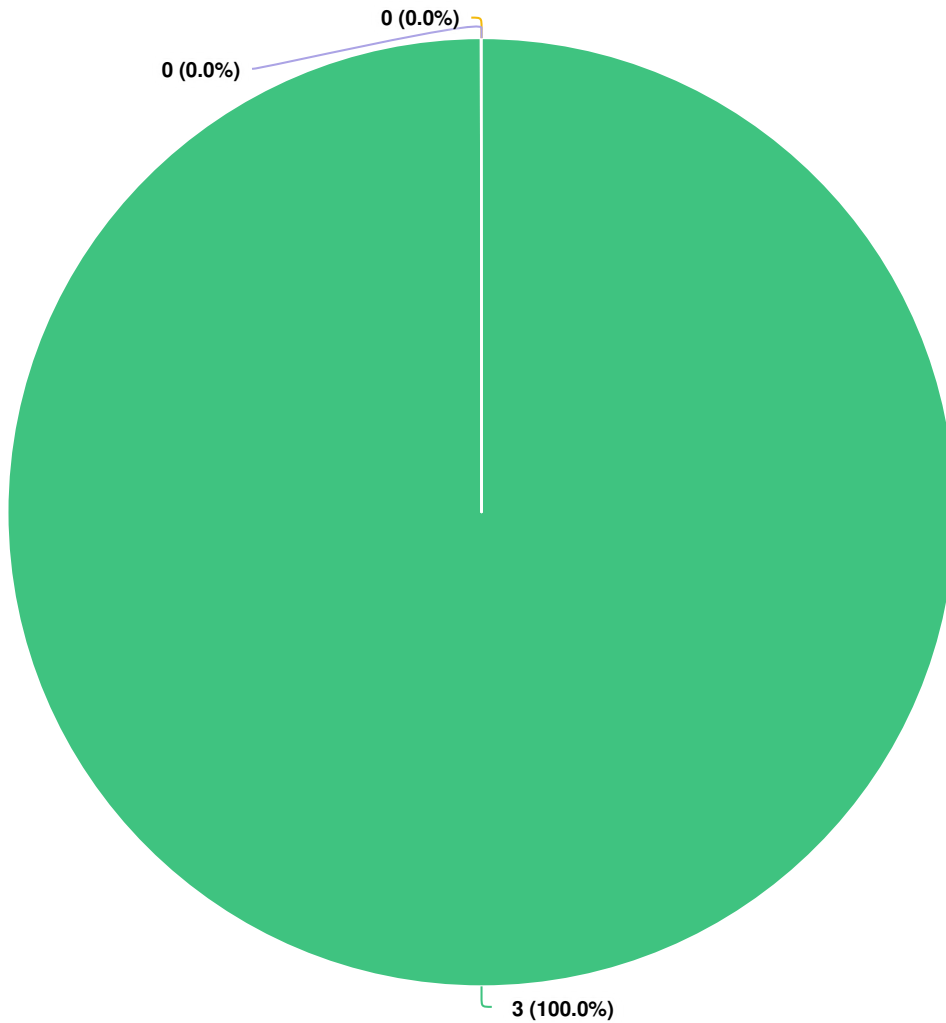


Question options

- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

Mandatory Question (3 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q29 Permit requirements are cost prohibitive (such as architectural drawings and permit design requirements).

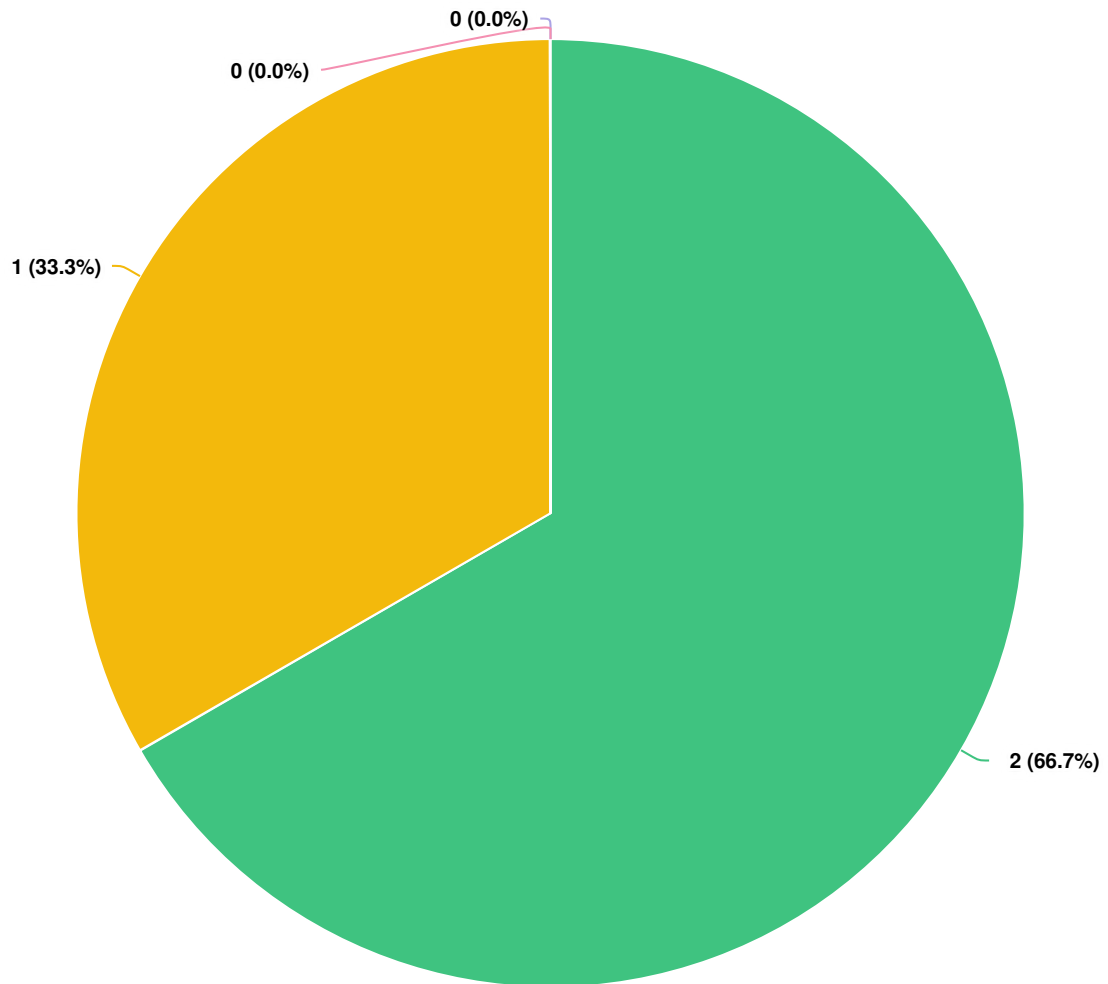


Question options

- Agree
- Disagree
- Neutral

Mandatory Question (3 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q30 The \$500 application fee for a patio on private land was reasonable:



Question options

- Disagree My patio is on District land so I did not pay a fee Agree Neutral

Mandatory Question (3 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q31 Why do you feel the application fee was not reasonable?

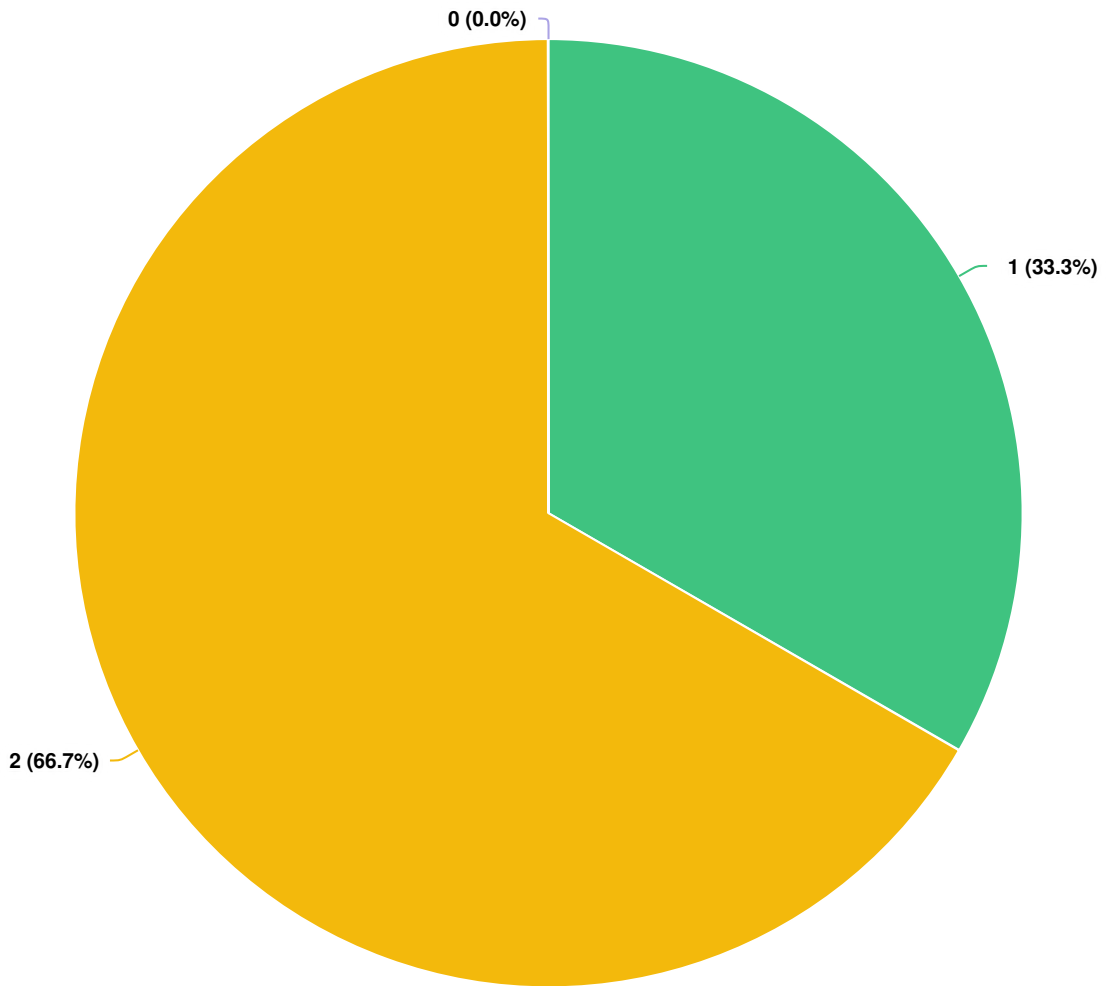
Why should the District be paid anything other than a fee to process the paperwork (which wouldn't amount to \$500) if it is private land that the patio sits on? How does that effect the District at all?

its is on private land...what is the DOS recovering \$500 for??... I already believe the process is too cumbersome, so therefore feel 500\$ is too high for admin costs. I would support half.

Mandatory Question (2 response(s))

Question type: Single Line Question

Q32 The District staff review process was helpful in the design and delivery of my patio.



Question options

- Agree
- Disagree
- Neutral

Mandatory Question (3 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q33 | **What would make the District staff review process more helpful?**

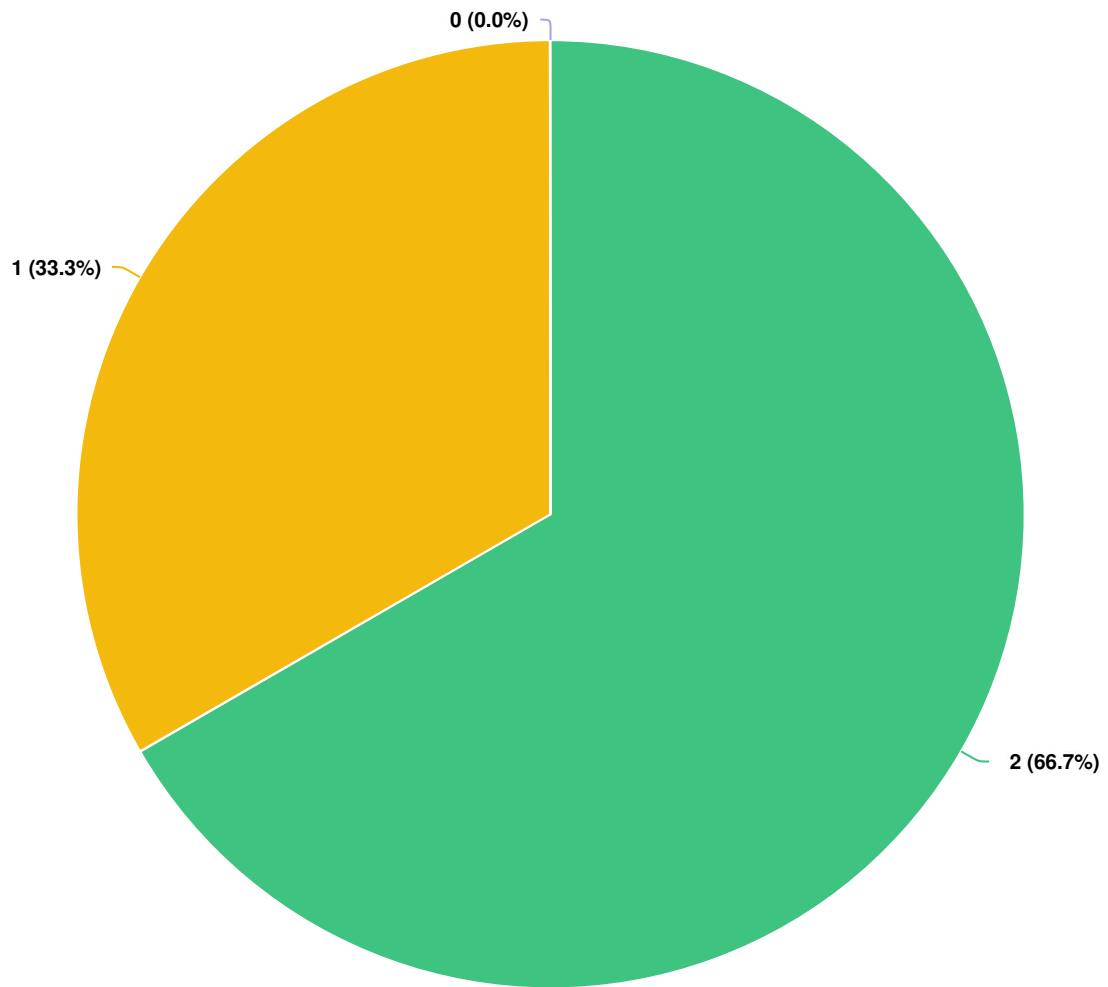
To have a person assigned to your account that will see you through the process from start to finish. To have someone actually read and address your incoming emails, and to communicate with each other internally so left knows what right is doing.

Its likely not the issue of the individual staffer, but a problem with the over request for items and stamps that real, when broken down, mean nothing

Mandatory Question (2 response(s))

Question type: Single Line Question

Q34 | The parking requirements for private land make it difficult to build or expand a patio in Squamish.

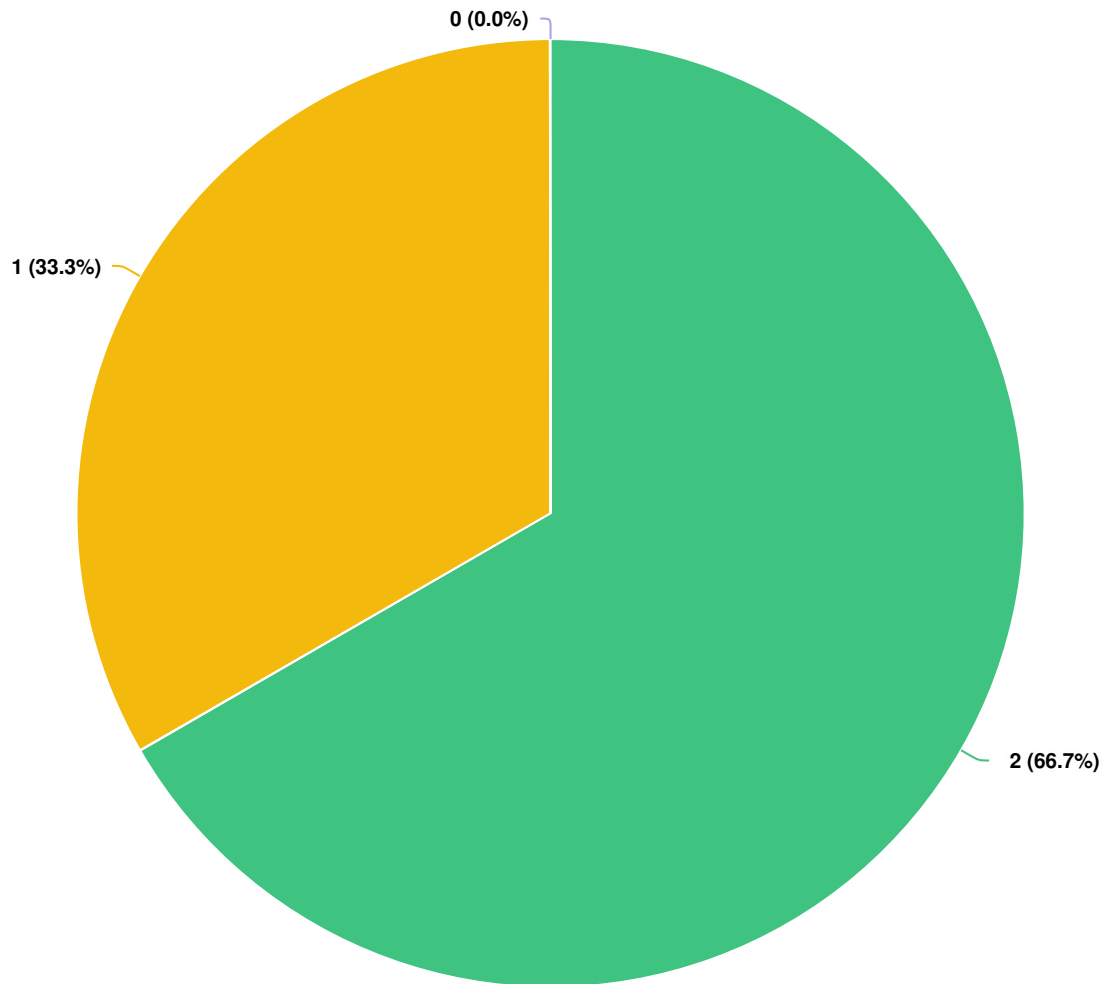


Question options

- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

Mandatory Question (3 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q35 The application process was quick.

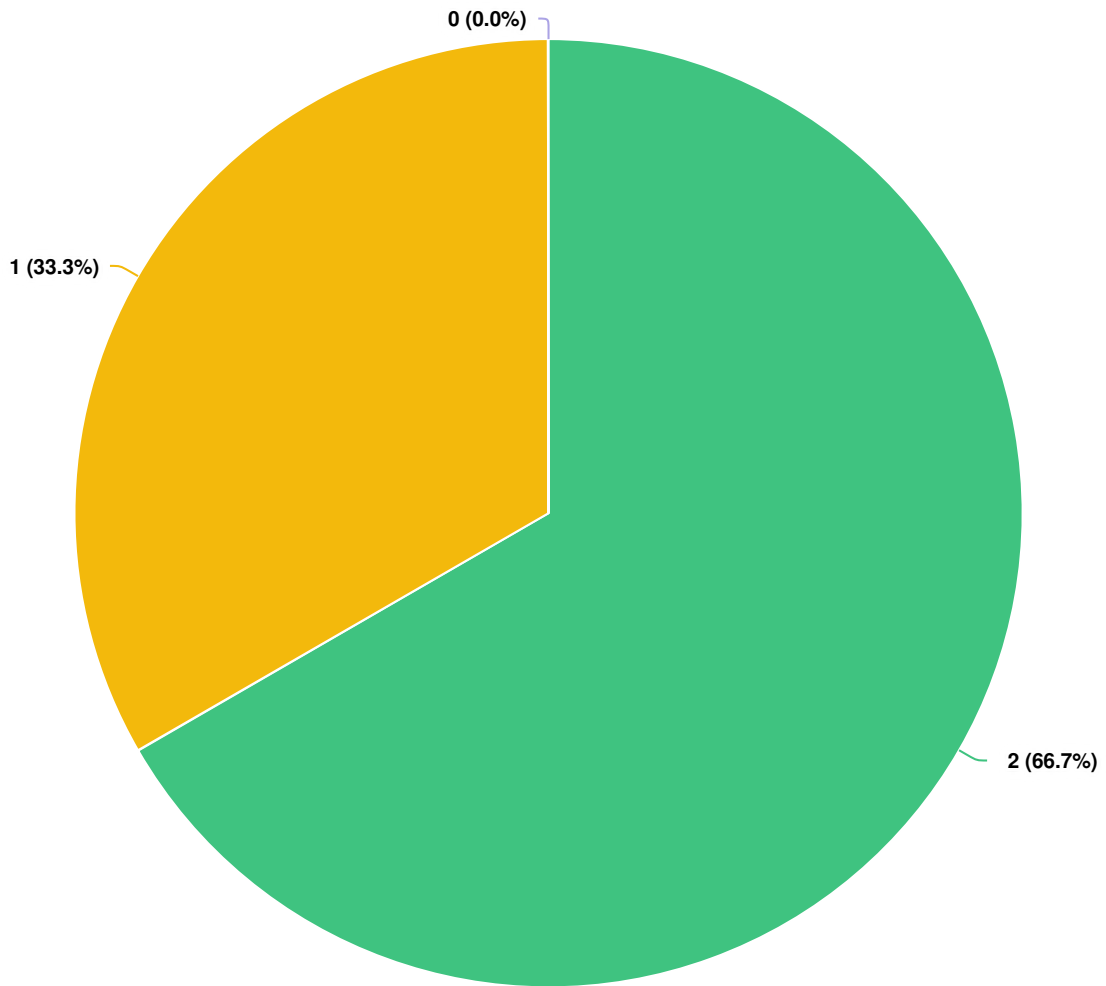


Question options

- Agree
- Disagree
- Neutral

Mandatory Question (3 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q36 The application process was simple and easy to understand.



Question options

- Agree
- Disagree
- Neutral

Mandatory Question (3 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

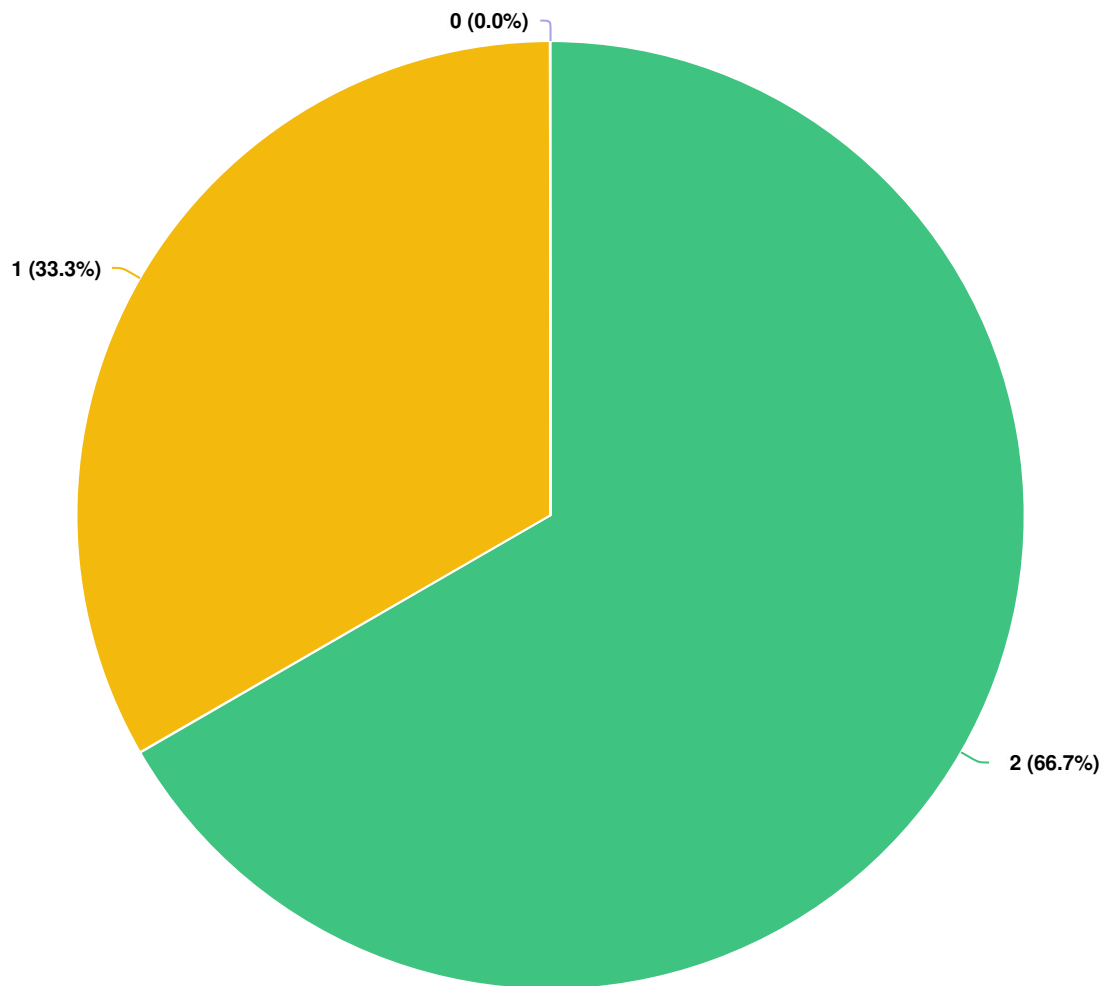
Q37 | **What would make the application process easier to understand?**

Competent people responding to the businesses in a timely manner to start, but there are many suggestions that I simply don't have the room to type.

Mandatory Question (1 response(s))

Question type: Single Line Question

Q38 Staff review time for my application was reasonable.

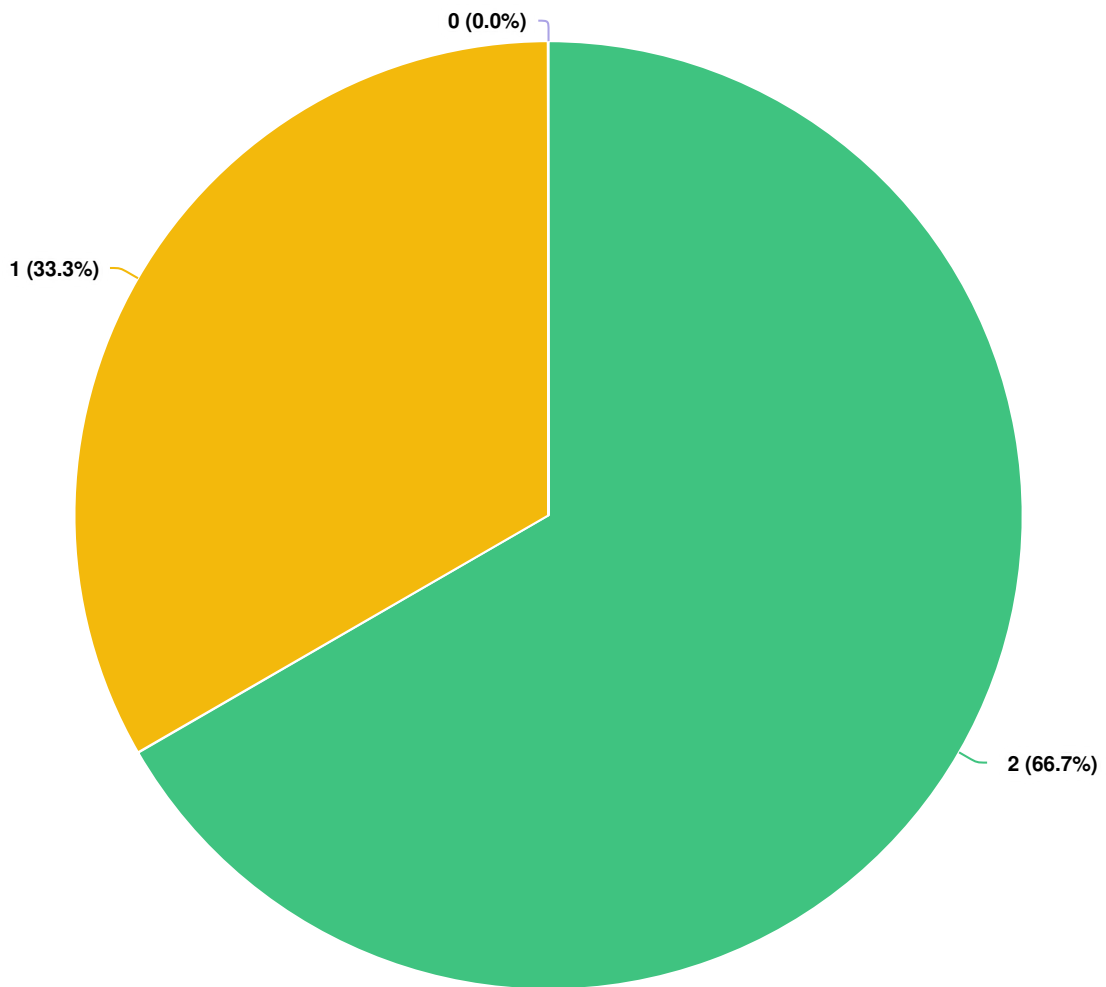


Question options

- Agree
- Disagree
- Neutral

Mandatory Question (3 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q39 The temporary patio program had no fees, while some patios in the regular program were charged fees. Based on this, it is reasonable for there to be a fee for my business to join the regular patio program.

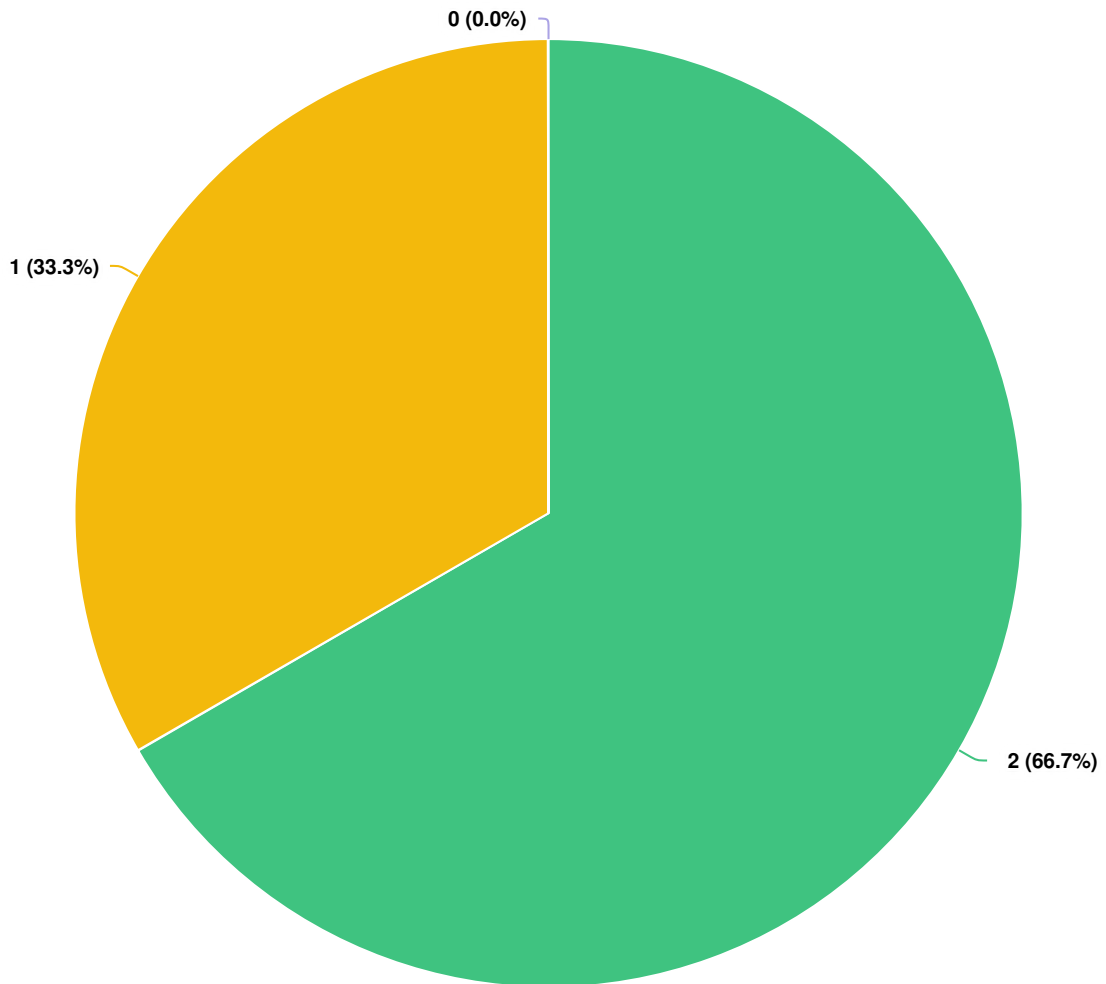


Question options

- Agree
- Disagree
- Neutral

Mandatory Question (3 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q40 Being able to submit hand drawn patio designs made the application process easier.

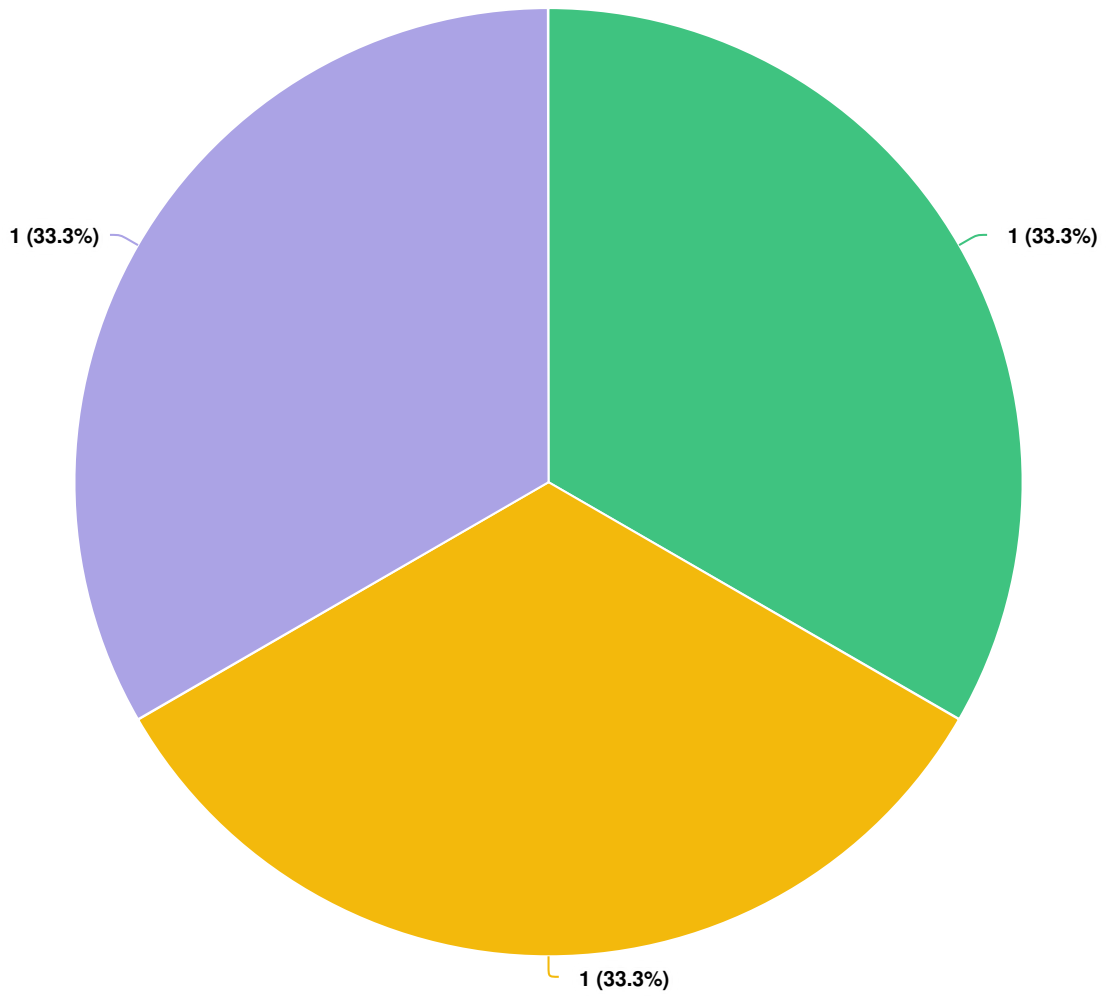


Question options

- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

Mandatory Question (3 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q41 The temporary construction designs helped my business save costs.

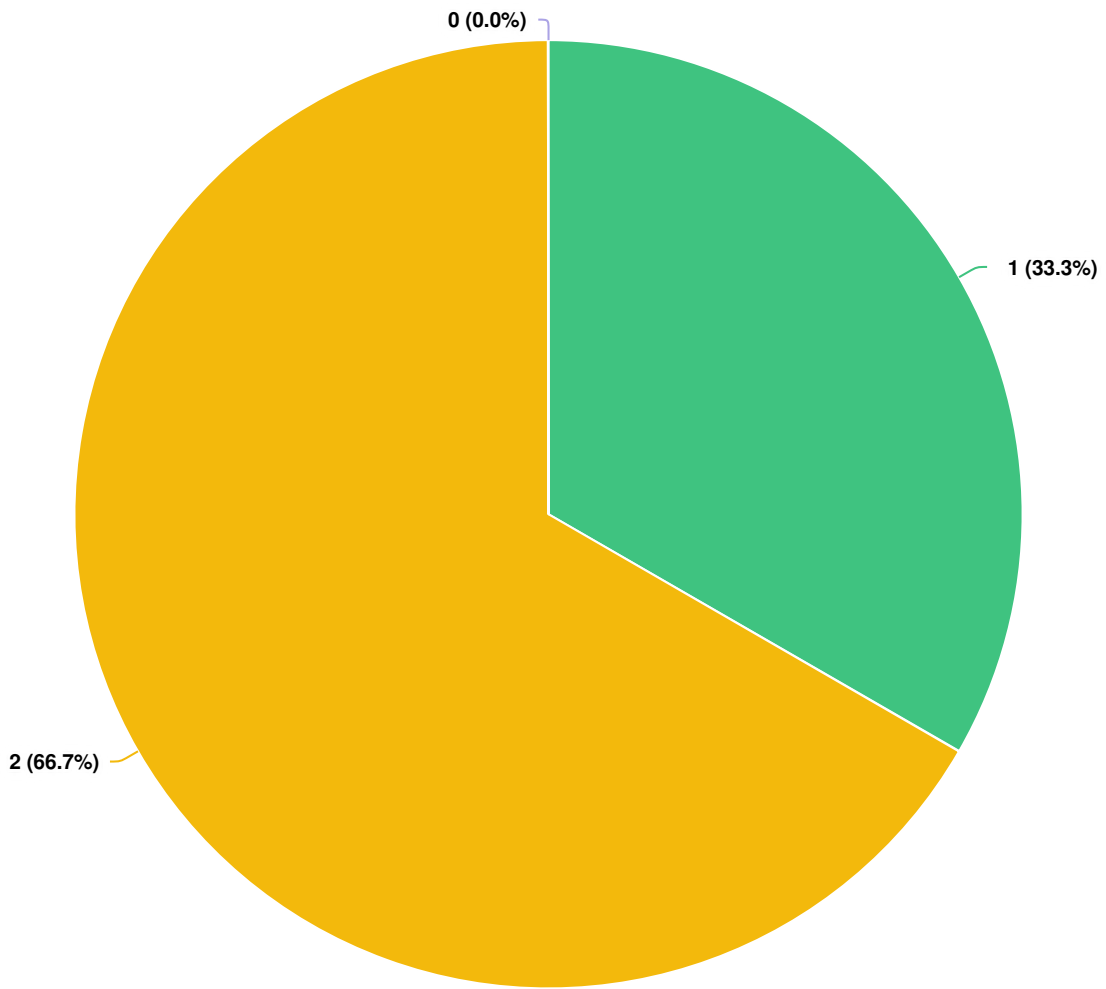


Question options

- Agree
- Disagree
- Neutral

Mandatory Question (3 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q42 Being able to use parking stalls without more permits or processes made it easier to build or expand my patio.

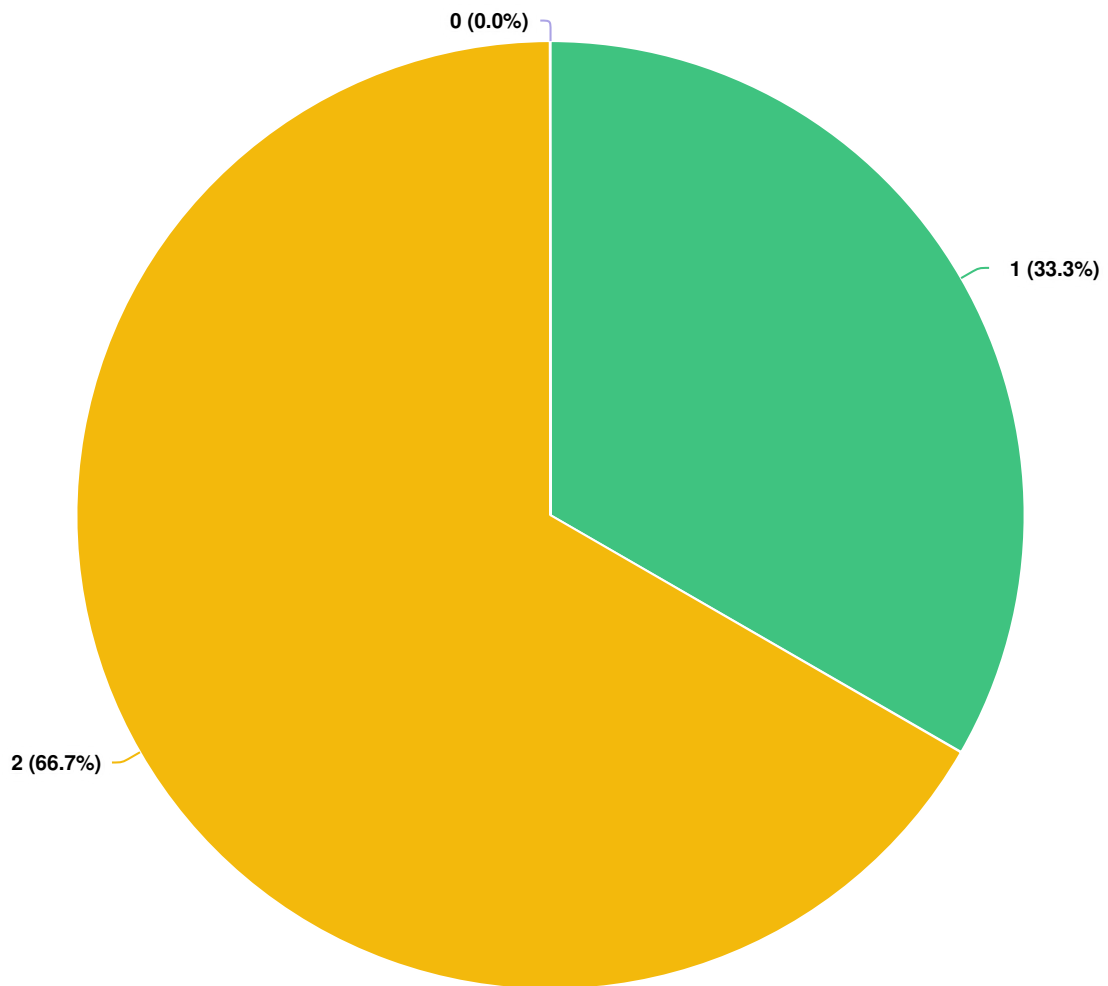


Question options

- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

Mandatory Question (3 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q43 I would like to be able to use more parking stalls to make my patio larger.

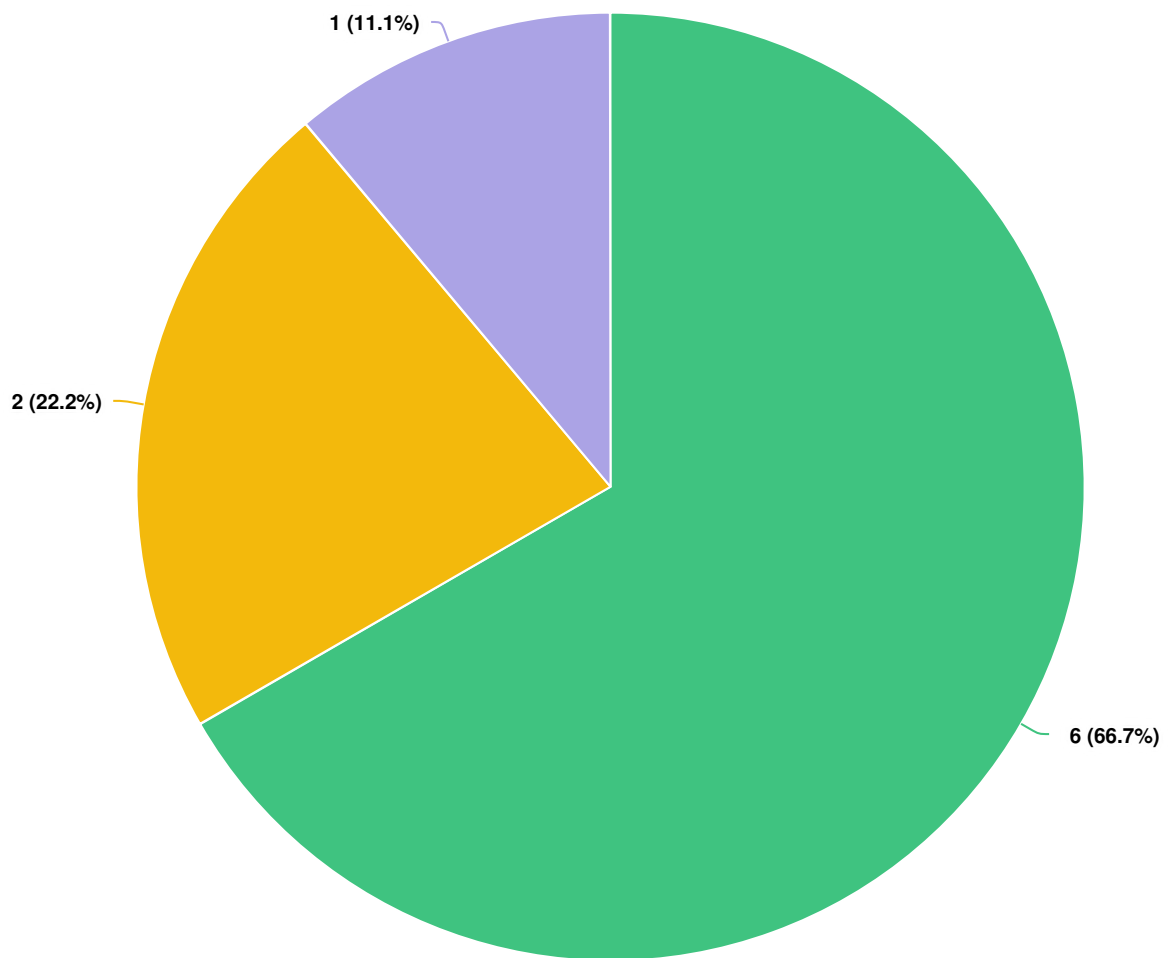


Question options

- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree

Mandatory Question (3 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q44 | The noise bylaw in Squamish allows for reasonable music, food, and beverage service on patios until 10 p.m.. Customers and patio areas should be cleared by 11 p.m.. Does this meet your business needs?



Question options

- Yes, this works great for my business
- No, I would like to keep my patio open later in the evening
- This doesn't affect me, my business doesn't operate in the evening

Optional question (9 response(s), 14 skipped)
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q45 | What is the number one barrier, if any, for your business to construct or expand a patio at your establishment?

Liquor to the patios

N/A

Before the patio program was extended through the winter, our barrier would have been deconstruction and winter storage of it. Otherwise, we don't see any barriers as we were able to construct the patio ourselves, but I could foresee a barrier being finding a general contractor to build the patio up to district standards

Permission to use parking space for patio, and requirement of additional parking space.

My landlord, as they will want me to take it down every winter.

Long wait + processing time for applications. Costs.

None, I have always had a patio

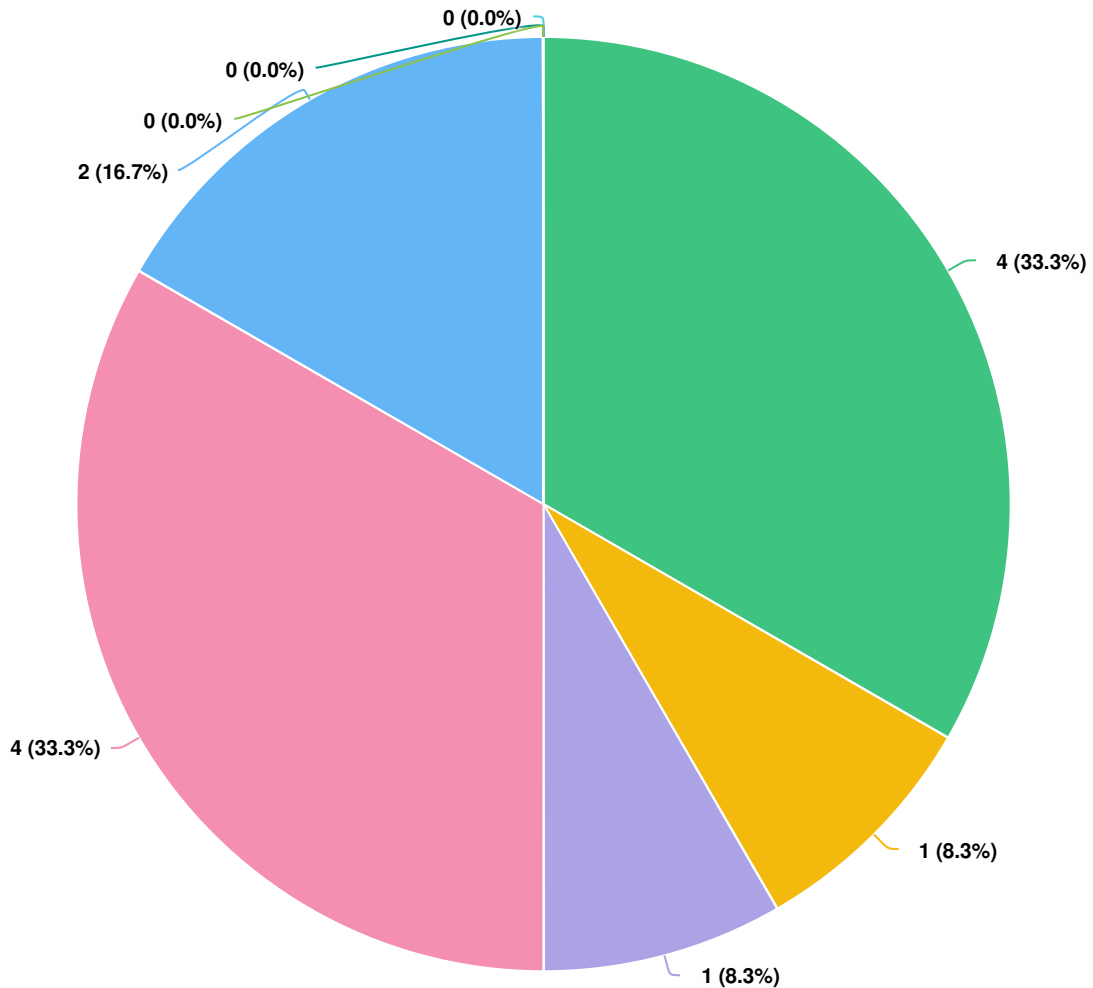
Politics

The requirements by the DOS for architecturally stamped drawings of an expansion that is built exactly as the original patio that has been approved years ago seems like a massive waste of time and money of the business owner. we all can see the positive affects the outdoor seating has had on businesses, their success and not to mention the overwhelming positive support of the public. I understand safety is a massive part of this issue when discussing building structures, however in many cases we are talking about patios that are no more than 8-10 inches from ground level. there must be a logical and more amicable middle ground than demanding stamped professional drawings.

Optional question (9 response(s), 14 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

Q46 Patios are often for seasonal use only. Is your business interested in offering a patio that continues to operate in the winter season?

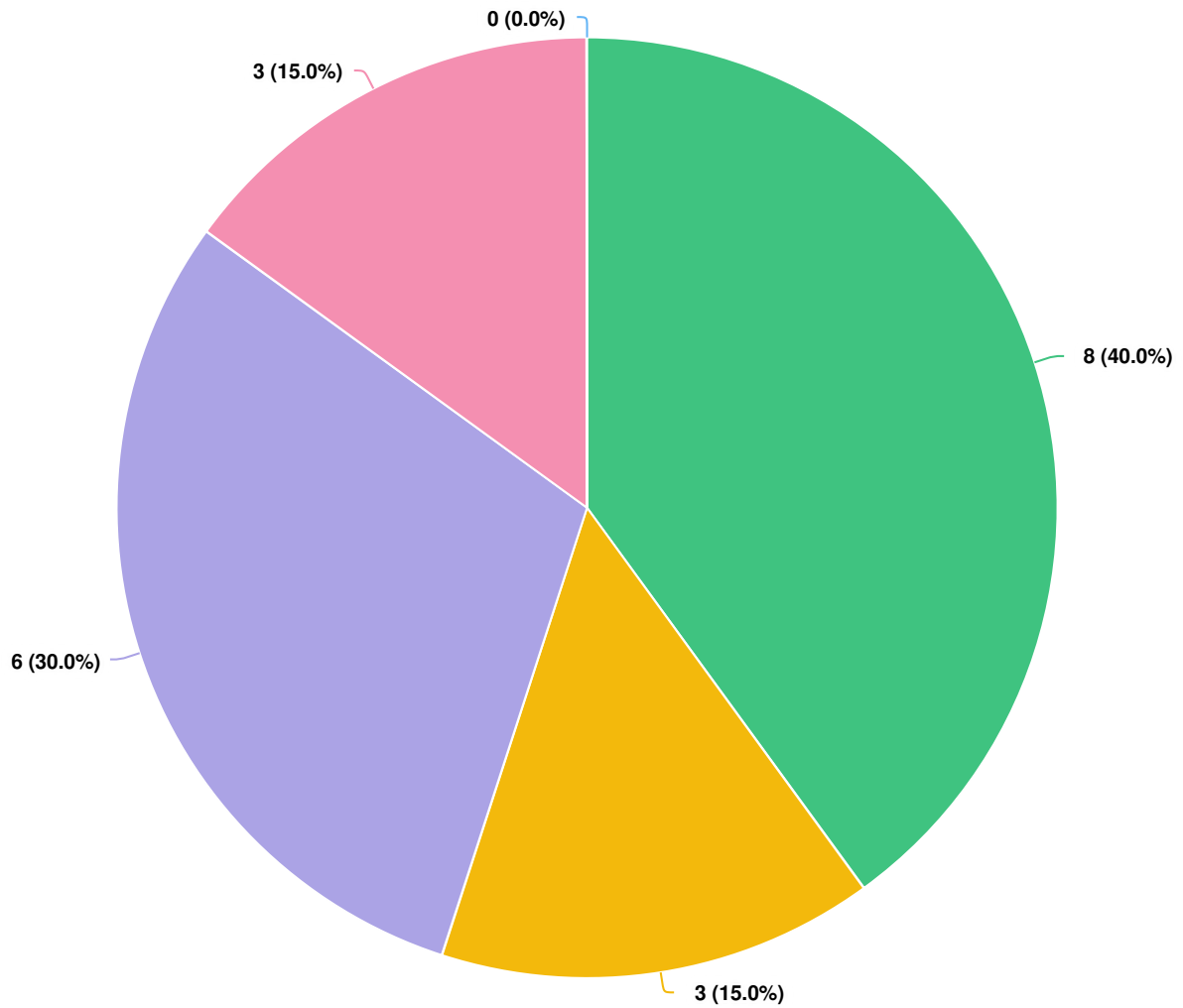


Question options

- Yes, already do and it helps our business in the winter season.
- Yes, already do but it doesn't get a lot of use in the winter season. ● Yes, already do but only on sunny days.
- No, we do not have customers who want to use a patio in the winter.
- No, but we would like to keep the patio there to avoid having to dismantle for the winter season.
- No, heaters and covered shelters are too expensive. ● No, we need more parking in the winter. ● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (12 response(s))
 Question type: Radio Button Question

Q47 Businesses that want to build a patio on private land currently have to pay multiple application fees. There are no fees charged for businesses that want to build a patio on District land such as sidewalks and parking stalls. Other municipalities i...

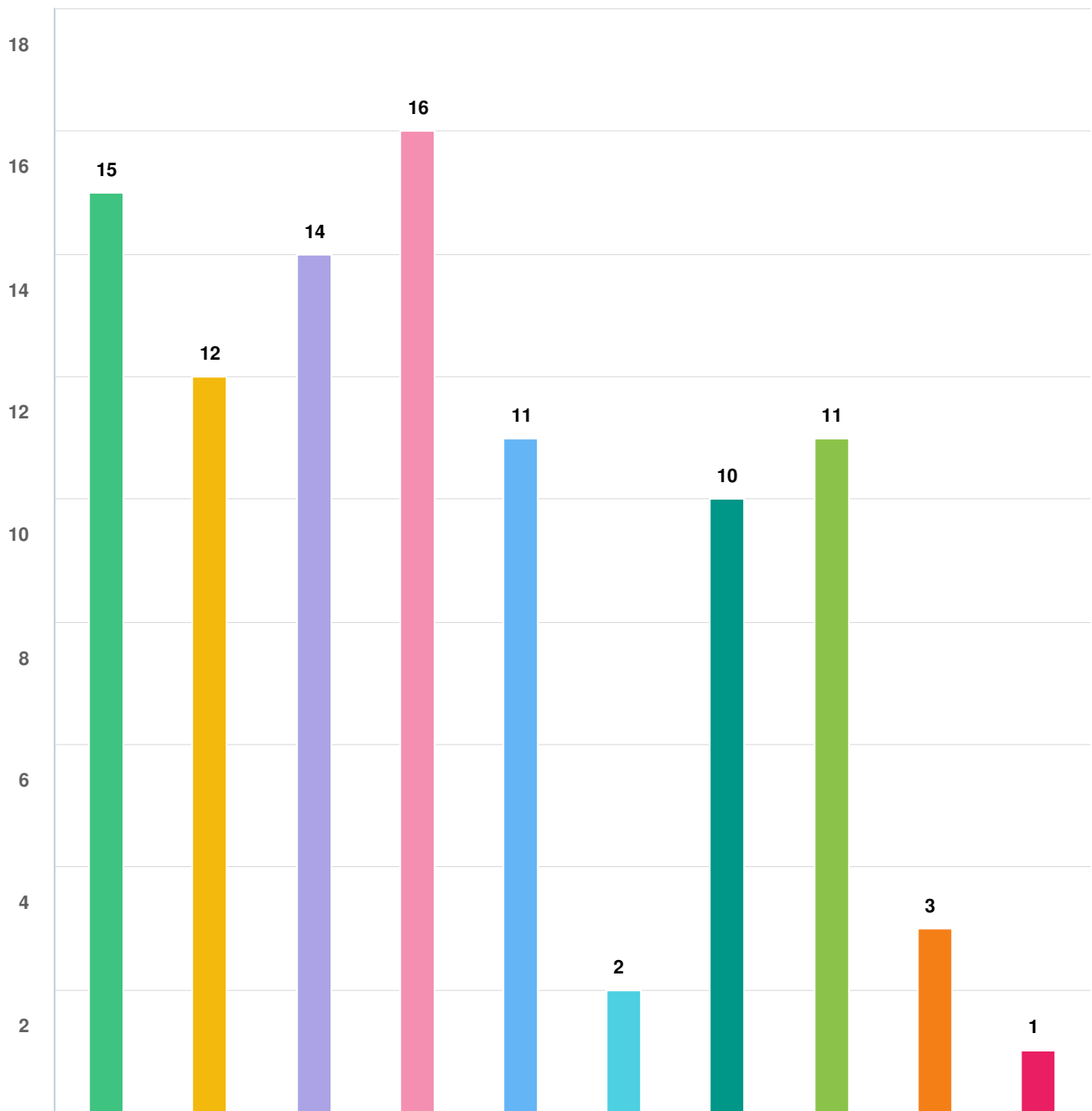


Question options

- By area of patio (measured in square feet)
- By number of seats
- There should be no fee to build or expand a patio
- I don't have a preference
- By occupancy of patio

Mandatory Question (20 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q48 What do you like about patio use near your business? (Select all that apply)

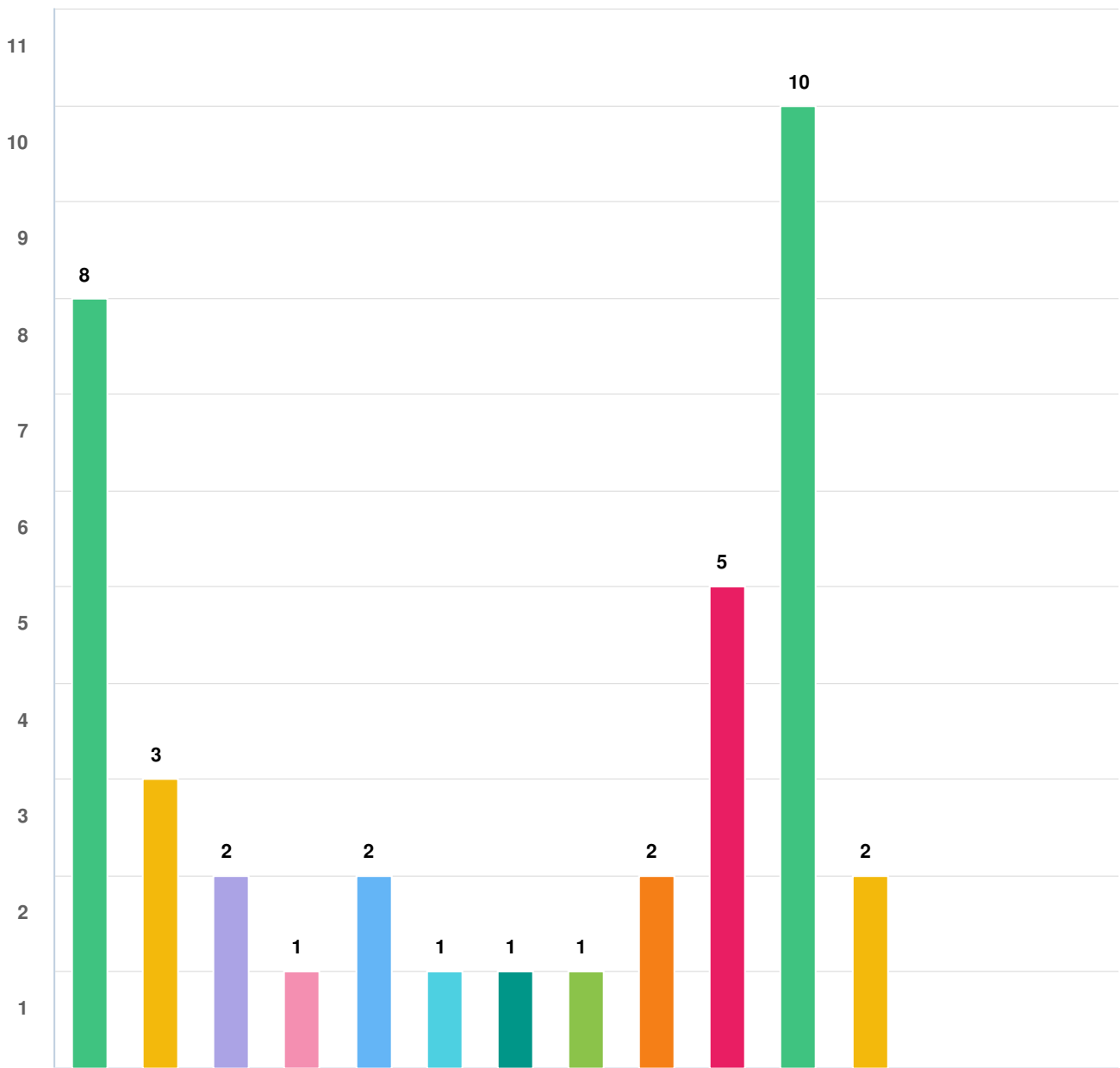


Question options

- Helps draw customers to the area ● Helps increase sales for my business ● Provides an opportunity to eat/drink outdoors
- Street becomes more animated and vibrant ● Makes the area look more appealing
- Helps to slow down traffic and makes the area safer ● Helps provide more seating ● Provides opportunities to socialize
- I don't like anything about the patios operating near my business ● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (20 response(s))
 Question type: Checkbox Question

Q49 What don't you like about patio use near your business? (Select all that apply)

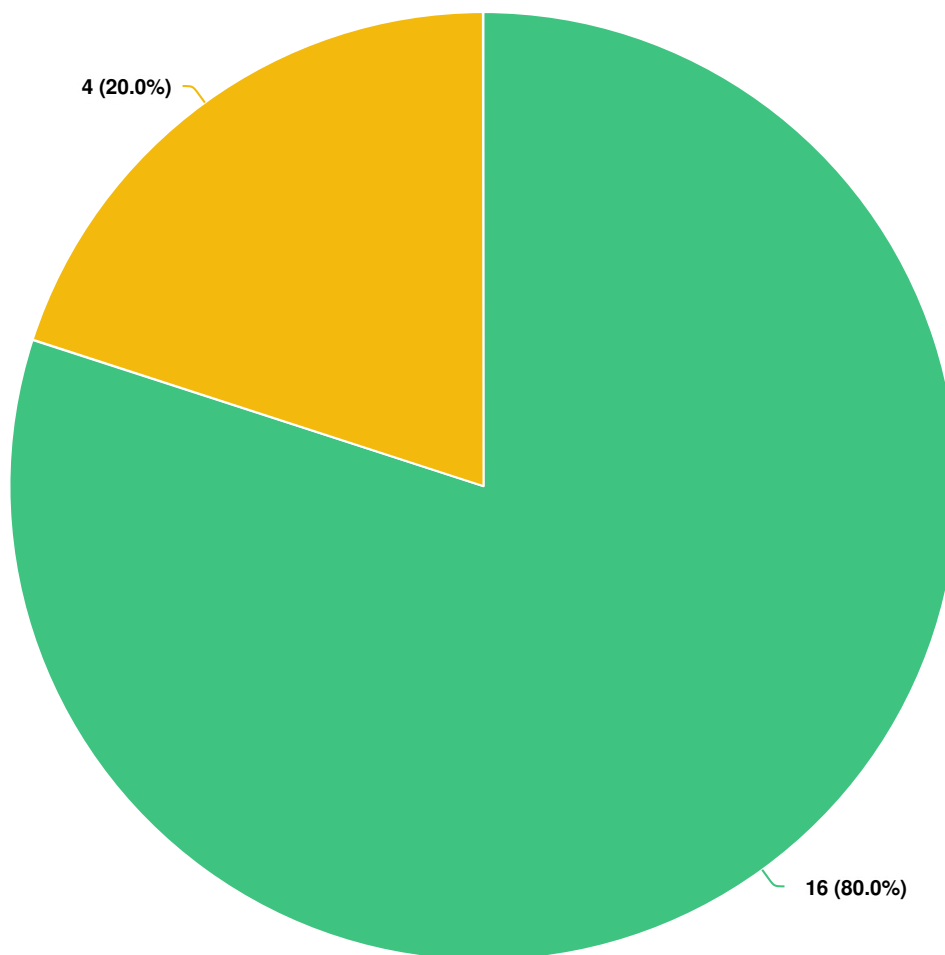


Question options

- Loss of parking ● Patio extends into parking stall in front of my business
- Safety concerns with vehicles adjacent to parking stall patios ● Increased congestion in the area
- Business' cleanliness of patios ● Sidewalk obstruction ● Accessibility issues ● Patios are underutilized
- Creates conflict between neighbouring businesses ● Winter season use
- I love the patios near my business and have no concerns ● Other (please specify) ● Loss of landscaping
- Excessive noise ● Creates conflict with strata and land owners

Mandatory Question (20 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q51 | **Where is your business located?**

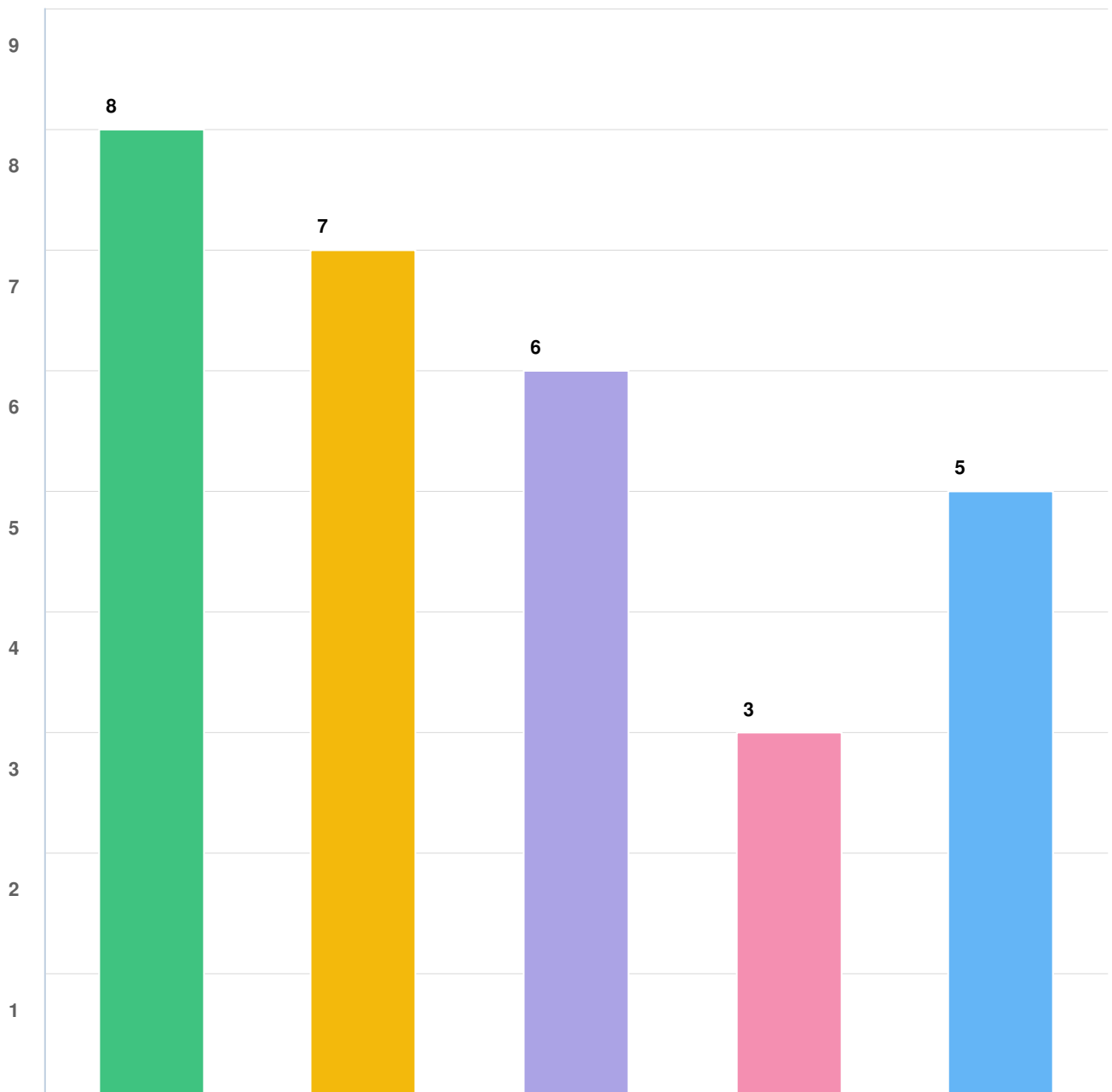


Question options

- Downtown
- Outside of Downtown

Mandatory Question (20 response(s))
Question type: Dropdown Question

Q52 | I like the use of Downtown parking stalls for food trucks, parklets, mobile retail vendors and public seating because: (Select all that apply)

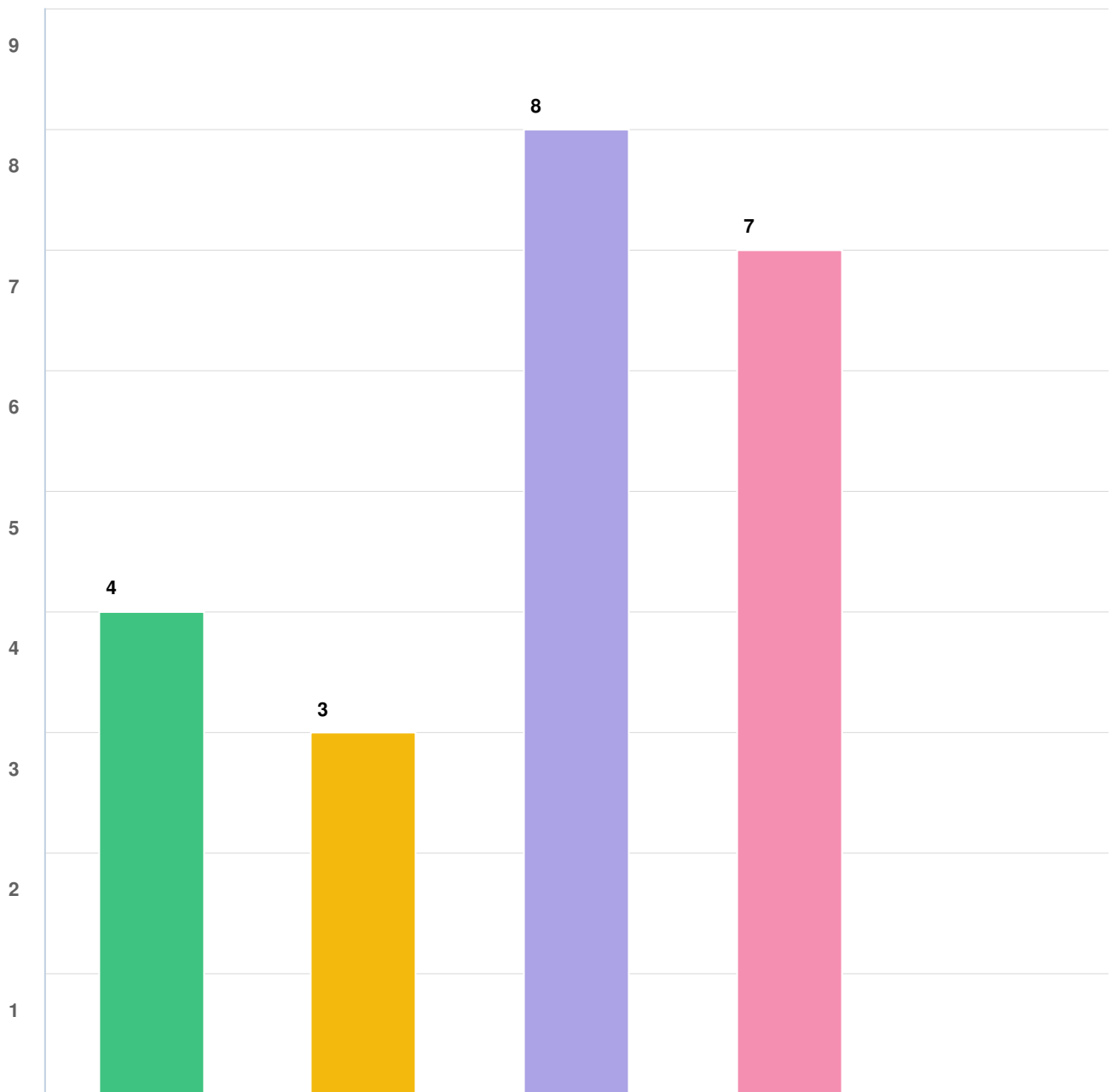


Question options

- They create more activated and vibrant uses of Downtown streets to attract more customers.
- They increase food and commercial vending opportunities Downtown to attract more customers.
- They provide more seating and plaza space Downtown which attracts more customers.
- Only if there is a limit to how many parking stalls are used.
- I don't like using any downtown parking stalls for food trucks, parklets, mobile retail vendors, and public seating

*Mandatory Question (16 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Q53 I don't like the use of Downtown parking stalls for food trucks, parklets, mobile retail vendors, and public seating because: (Select all that apply)



Question options

- The streets are too busy and my customers don't want to come downtown anymore.
- There are too many food trucks and mobile retail vendors already downtown and the competition decreases my customers.
- There is not enough parking downtown and this reduces my customers.
- I have no concerns about using downtown parking stalls for food trucks, parklets, mobile retail vendors, and public seating.
- Too much public seating downtown takes away from customers using my business.

Mandatory Question (16 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q54 | Do you have any other comments or stories about patios in Squamish that you want to share? Please let us know any issues or concerns you have, as well as any positive experiences or things you like about patios in Squamish.

I love the businesses with food trucks and patios Just the lack of parking Customer complaints

I think it's a great idea...

If we had an excess of parking the patio program would work but the way it is set up now it gives restaurants pretty much free floor space and it is a bit weird having restaurant patrons sitting in the middle of traffic. The only other place I have seen it is West Van - a couple of stalls on one side of the street and I think it is only there through Covid. A lot of local people don't come downtown anymore because of the lack of parking or they dive down at 9:00 am and are gone - it is very noticeable now. The streets have become a parking lot for the condos which do not have enough parking for their residents and no one monitors it. The taxpayers are subsidizing parking for developers, they even have the snow plowed for them. I remember a few years ago we were told that we were moving towards a carless society and that people moving into these condos wouldn't have cars and Modo would be operating out of one of their parkades. What happened to that? We may be moving towards a carless society but it doesn't happen overnight and every town or city has different needs. I suggest the Planners and Council take an economics course and forget the Social Engineering. Personally I don't believe we need the on-street patios, our sidewalks on Cleveland were built double wide to encourage restaurants and businesses to use them for tables, benches, music etc so that people would want to come downtown. This has been ignored and I think you need to consider the local people and not just the coffee drinkers and the 'hang rounders'.

Our patio is integral to our business on second ave. The sidewalk is so narrow that if we didn't have it, we would struggle to even have our door open for customers without impacting walkability. The patio also allows our customers to wait in line on our patio rather than waiting on the sidewalk and congesting it for others. We are also completely content with the patio being used by customers from other

businesses, especially during times when our business is closed (ie - mornings). We are working to create atmosphere on second ave and having a patio there really helps that!

Patios are great in the summer for the additional seating (and venue). People want to eat outside. I'm worried with too many patios & food trucks off Cleveland/and on Cleveland they're taking away from the parking (and there is already a lack of parking spots downtown).

I love the patio program. I don't like it in winter as they are underutilized and make snow removal difficult. I would prefer if we could move the sidewalk out instead of having a pedestrian walkway between businesses and the patios. I generally don't like food trucks because: -very useful in summer when everyone is too busy but in summer they are not around as they are generally going to events. The fact that they move makes them unreliable. -They generally use 2 stroke generators which are really bad for the environment. - They don't provide washrooms so other businesses pay for the needs of the food truck customers (including their staff). -They dont provide garbage and their customers fill up the public bins which are not sorted. -I don't mind the parking loss (I would close Cleveland, if I had it my way). It makes me mad, however, when mobile vendors and food trucks reserve parking when they are not there.

Once I did finally hear back from someone, Kerry Hamilton has been very helpful and professional. I am happy with her communication, and her reply time after she heard of my not being contacted by anyone at the District for months, has been great. Since Kerry has taken over, the lines of communication with the District have improved, and i am grateful. Thank you Kerry!

My one and only concern is the requirement of stamped drawings for, in our case, a patio extension that is built to the exacting standards of the previously approved patio, on a patio that is a mere 6" above ground level. it is an unnecessary expense for the businesses

Optional question (9 response(s), 14 skipped)

Question type: Essay Question

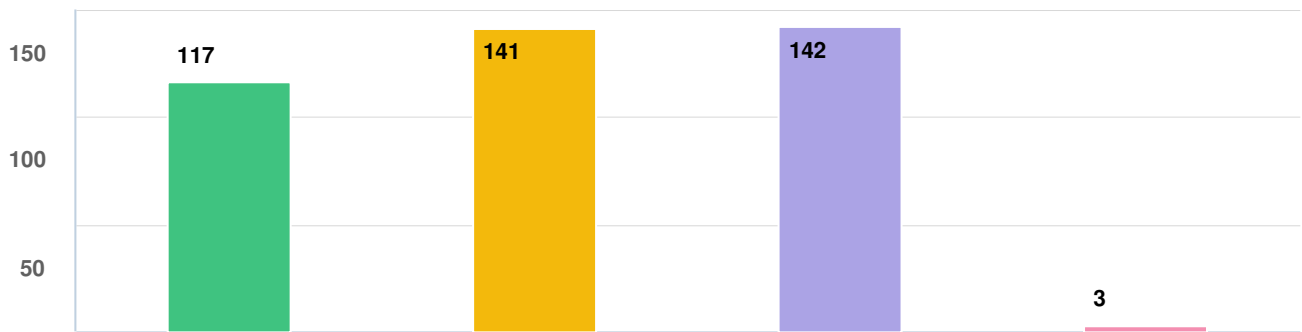
Patio Program Community Survey

COMMUNITY SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

01 October 2021 - 17 March 2022

PROJECT NAME:
Patios Program

Q1 Which type of patios do you support in Squamish? (Select all that apply)



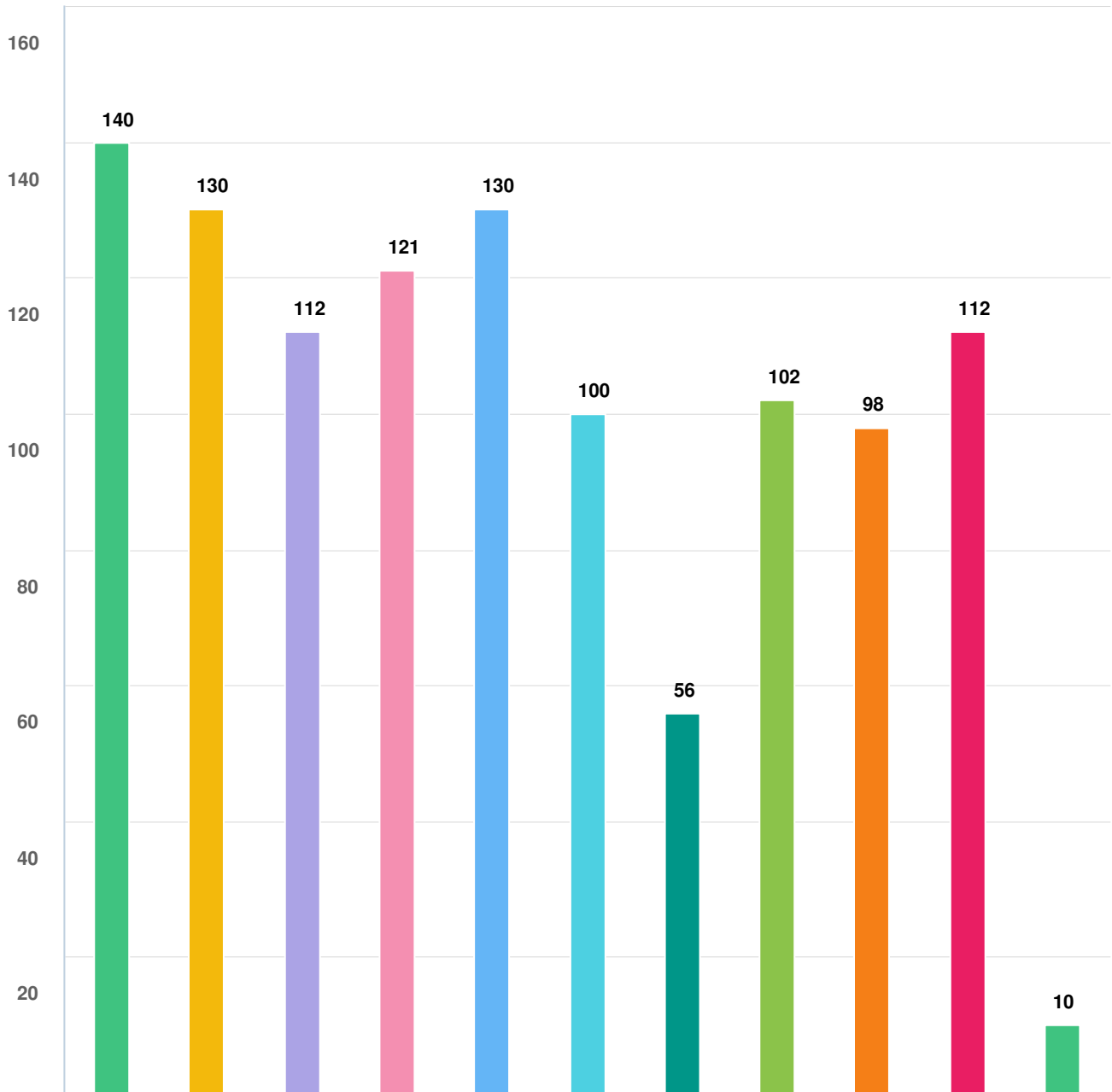
Question options

- Parking Stall Patios (these are patios located on District Roads)
- Sidewalk Patios (these are patios located on District Sidewalks)
- Private Land Patios (these are patios in parking stalls, drive aisles and landscaping on private land)
- I do not support any type of patios throughout the District of Squamish

Mandatory Question (151 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q2 Why do you support these types of patios? (Select all that apply)

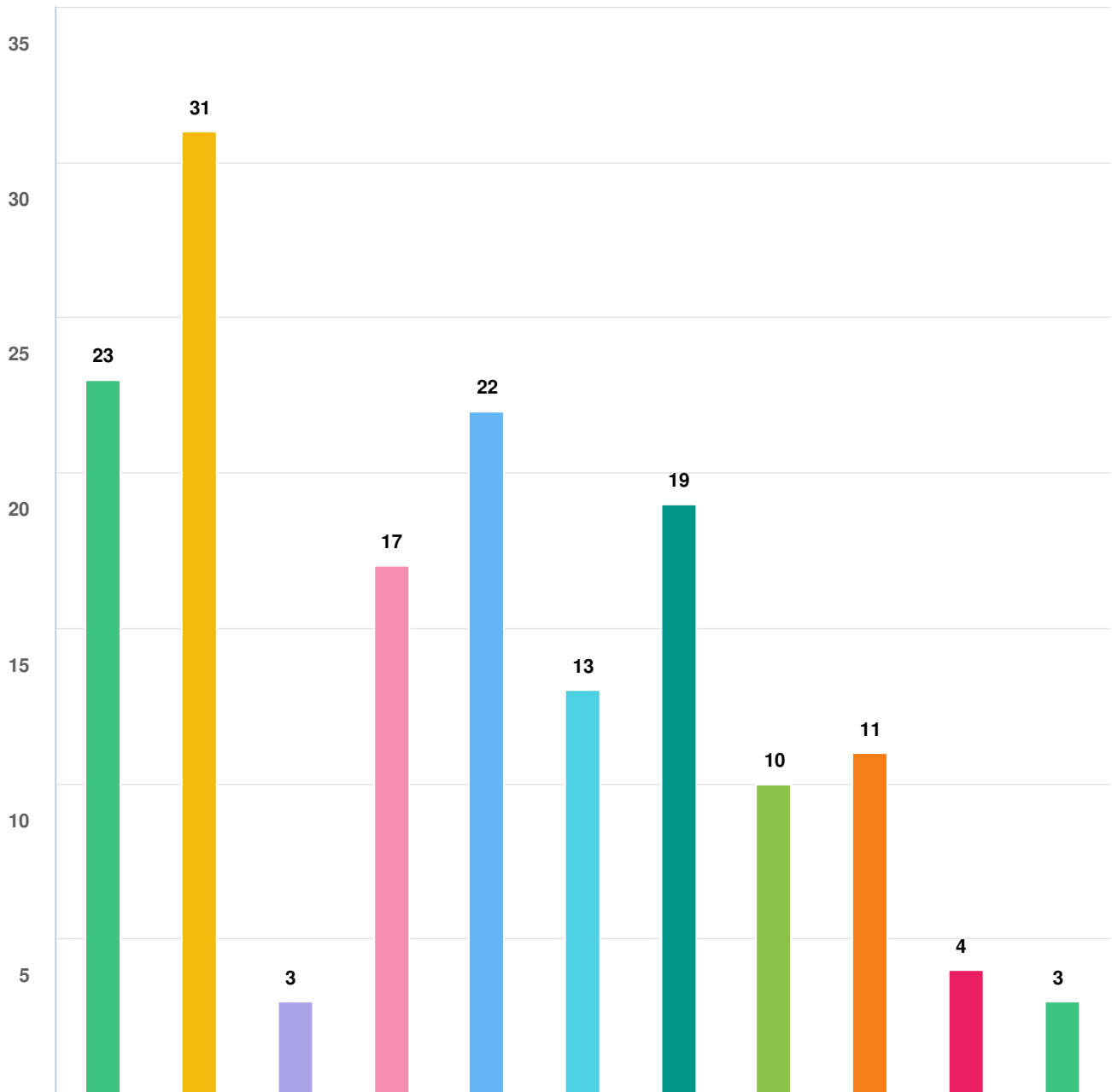


Question options

- Enjoy eating/drinking outdoors ● Helps local businesses expand
- Street/private property becomes more animated with people ● Helps provide more seating
- Enjoy opportunities to socialize outside ● Enhances the look of the area
- Reduces driving speeds, making the street or private property safer ● Makes walking down the street more enjoyable
- Need more space for patios throughout Squamish ● Supports economic recovery ● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (148 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q3 Why don't you support the use of District road parking stalls for patios? (Select all that apply)

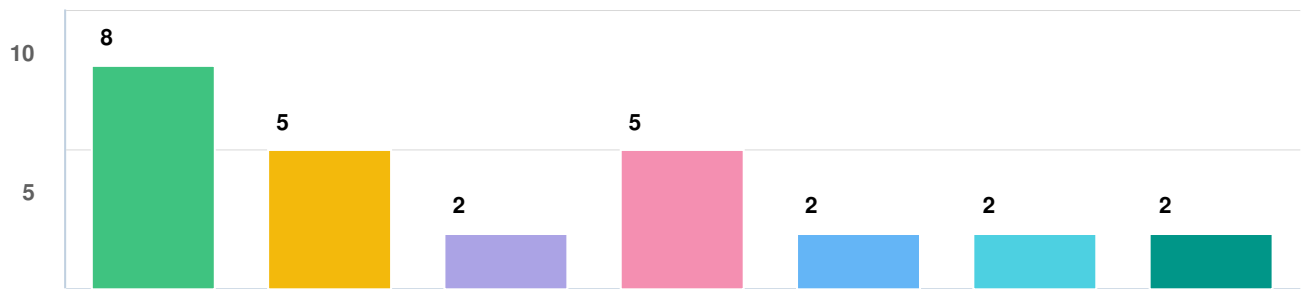


Question options

- Not enough parking for restaurant/cafe use
 ● Not enough parking in general (all uses)
● Too many patios already
- Patios in parking stalls are unsafe
 ● Patios in parking stalls make driving and parking difficult
- Don't like the look of parking stall patios on the street
 ● Parking is more important to our Downtown than patios
- Private patios should not be on District (public) land
 ● Private patios should have to pay to use District (public) land
- Should be public seating instead and not be restrictive to private business use only.
 ● Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (34 response(s))
 Question type: Checkbox Question

Q4 Why don't you support the use of District sidewalks for patios? (Select all that apply)



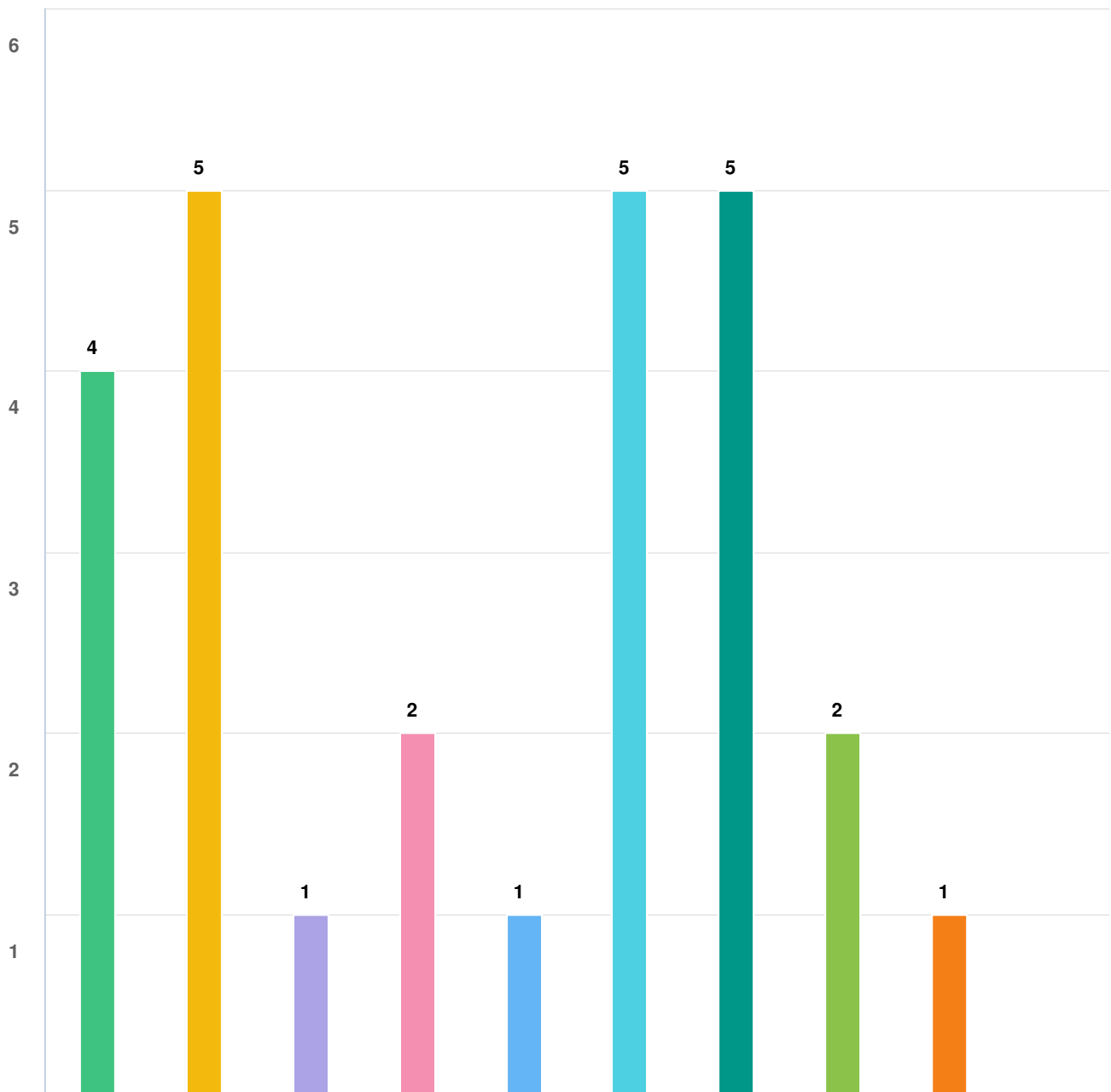
Question options

- Sidewalks beside the patio are too narrow/diverted/not accessible
- District (public) sidewalks should not be used for private business
- They clutter the sidewalk and decrease the look of the area
- Need the sidewalk for other things like bike racks, garbage cans, benches and trees.
- Private patios should have to pay to use District (public) land for sidewalk use
- Patios should only be on private land and not on the District sidewalk
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (10 response(s))

Question type: Checkbox Question

Q5 Why don't you support the use of private land for patios? (Select all that apply):

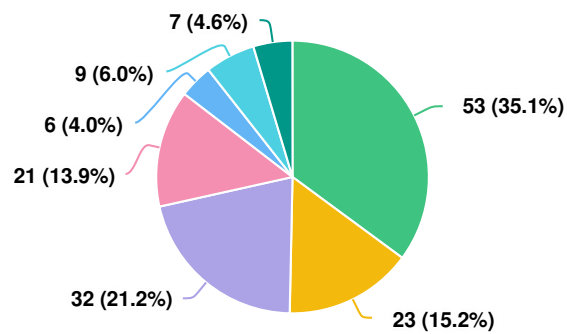


Question options

- Not enough parking at restaurants in Squamish
- Takes up parking stalls for other businesses.
- Not enough bike parking at restaurants in Squamish
- Need parking stalls for dedicated pick-up.
- Too many patios already.
- Patios on private land make parking and driving difficult.
- Patios in parking stalls or drive aisles are designed unsafe.
- Diverted sidewalk surfaces are not accessible
- Other (please specify)
- Not enough landscaping.

*Mandatory Question (9 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question*

Q6 Parking stall patios on District land were only permitted seasonally prior to the temporary program. They have been extende...

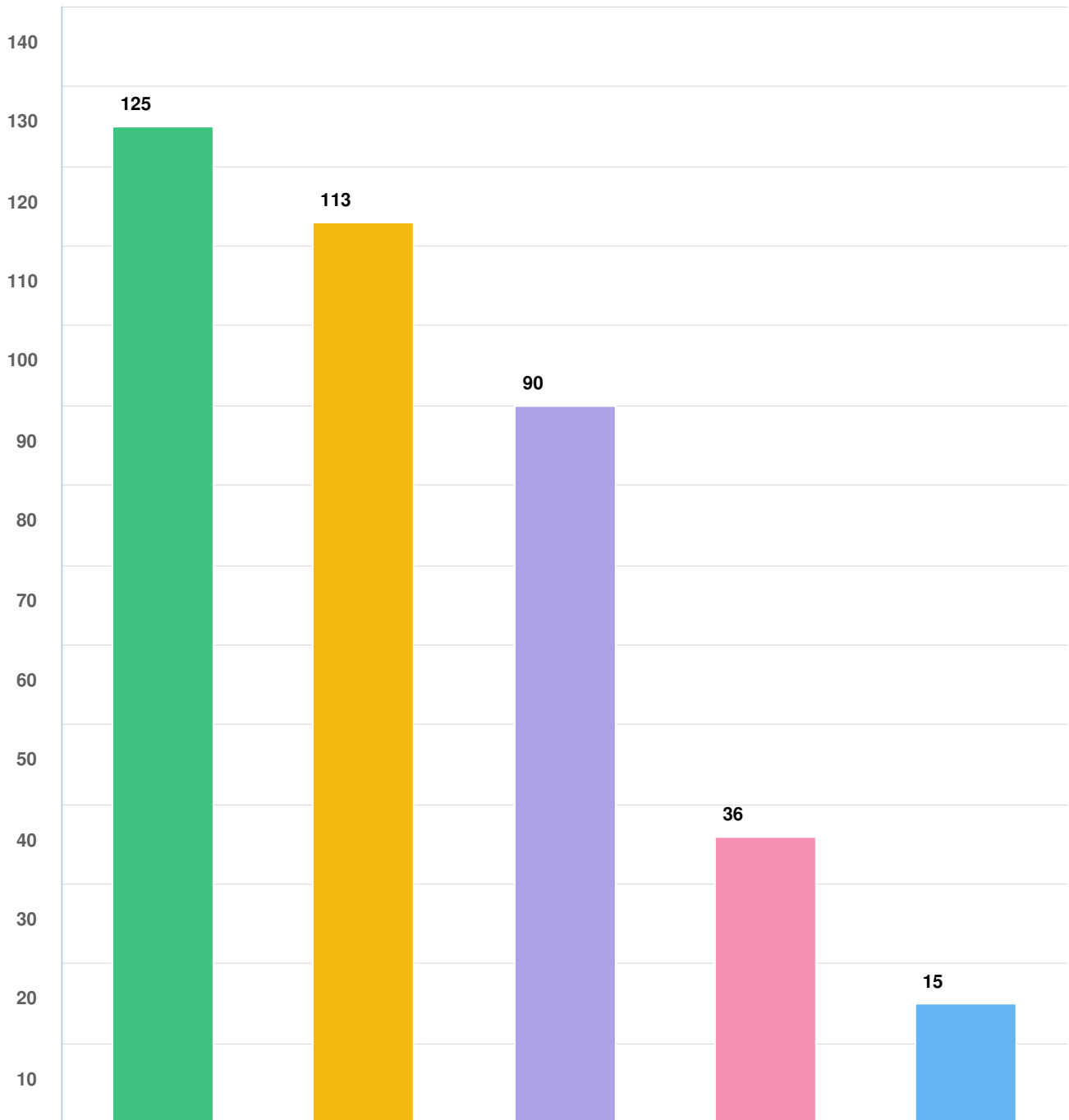


Question options

- Yes, already do and love it!
- Yes, only if they have heaters and or covers.
- Yes, but only on the sunny days.
- No, we need more parking in the winter.
- No, not for me, but keep them for others.
- No, it's too cold and wet for me.
- Other (please specify)

Mandatory Question (151 response(s))
Question type: Radio Button Question

Q9 I like the use of downtown parking stalls for food trucks, parklets, mobile retail vendors and public seating because: (Select all that apply)

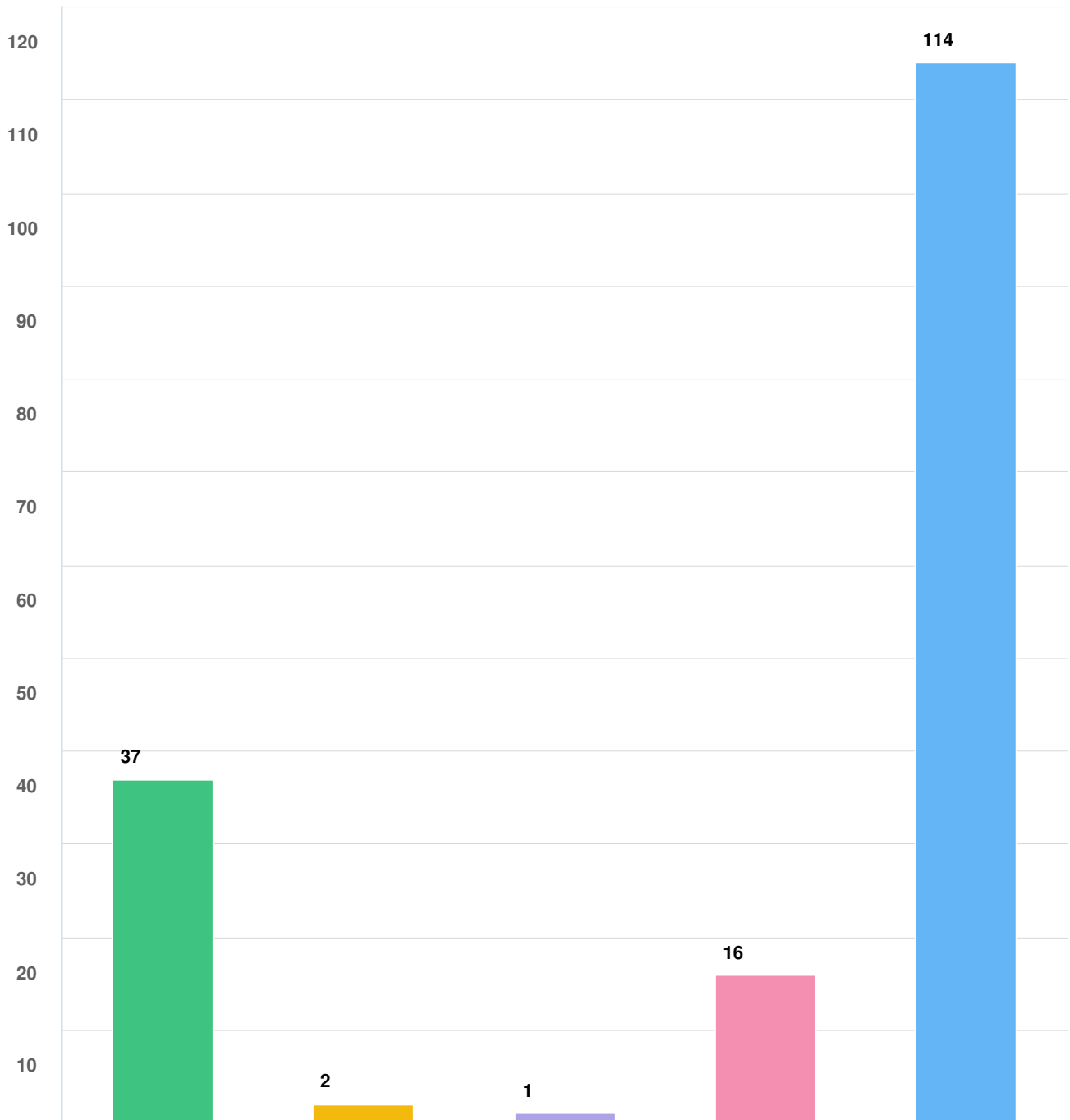


Question options

- They help create activated and vibrant Downtown streets.
- They provide more food and retail options Downtown.
- They create more seating and plaza space Downtown.
- Only if there is a limit to how many parking stalls we use.
- I don't like using any downtown parking stalls for food trucks, parklets, mobile retail vendors, and public seating.

Mandatory Question (150 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q10 I don't like the use of downtown parking stalls for food trucks, parklets, mobile retail vendors and public seating because: (Select all that apply)



Question options

- There is not enough parking Downtown
- There are too many food trucks and mobile retail vendors already.
- There is already enough seating downtown.
- They clutter the street and make parking and driving difficult.
- I have no concerns about using downtown parking stalls for food trucks, parklets, mobile retail vendors, and public seating.

Mandatory Question (150 response(s))
Question type: Checkbox Question

Q11 | Do you have any other comments or stories about patios in Squamish that you want to share? Please let us know any issues or concerns you have, as well as any positive experiences or things you like about patios in Squamish.

As everyone knows, there is not enough parking downtown and taking parking away for food trucks and patio seating has negatively impacted residents. The disabled, mobility challenged, those employed downtown who need parking (what was park 2 hour and move your car every 2 hours is now NO parking), commercial trucks (multiple couriers, Utility trucks, DOS vehicles) that require parking (are using disabled parking spaces). With our population growth, and downtown tourism visitors, time to come up with a better solution that does not impact residents and is healthier. Speeding on Cleveland Avenue and Loggers Lane is a big problem and not stopping for those using crosswalks, frightening. Blasting of horns, idling trucks waiting for parking = not a healthy patio atmosphere. Alternatives - downtown lot area for ALL food trucks to park (like during the weekend market) with seating areas and time for a multi-level parking area downtown.

Please continue to offer patio options for all business. It will only enhance our community and help local business survive.

parking is a challenge downtown. There needs to be more. This is not a transit-efficient community and most people have cars. Parking downtown Should be timed or metered so as to allow more people to park throughout the day while collecting revenue for the district.

Often there is an ableist mentality when it comes to accessibility and it is difficult for less-abled people to navigate around patios that are located on the sidewalk. Please keep this in mind and make sure that you don't create an obstacle course. Sidewalks are for everyone. Thank you!

It is a joy to watch and see people connecting in downtown patios and parklets. The parklet at Winnipeg is great new installation and adds positively to the street corner public space (surrounded by a lot of parking). Would love to see more seating (that is not necessarily associated only with a specific business) along Cleveland. On the design side: some of the sidewalk patios have awkward and bulky fencing that sticks out. I know there does need to be containment especially to separate the patio from the roadway, but perhaps on the sidewalk side a little more permeability and flow could be achieved.

The use of corner planters could nicely frame spaces, still delineate the patio but not be so cluttered. Casual cafe tables and seats are also so nice in groupings. If there is a chance to spread the food truck love and give them a bit more flexibility (also to have some rotate around and be paired with the new covered shelters where additional seating can be installed) that would be welcomed.

I think the additional seating on curbs is poor design and very out of place. Parking is a real issue downtown despite what your reports say. If there was a parking garage I wouldn't mind restaurants expanding into road parking stalls at all.

I think having community space is so important to create community especially now after two years of isolation. A lively downtown is a bonus for all business as it attracts more people - the argument that there is no parking is overused. Many places that have committed to reduce car access are actually increasing vibrancy not just for locals but also for tourism (Boulder, CO; Jackson, WY; Whistler). I think expansions of patios is the right thing to do.

Sitting on a patio allows you to often bring dogs to otherwise non dog friendly restaurants, coffee shops and bars. There's something lovely about sitting having a coffee/sandwich etc. and have you friends and community stop to say hello.

Please make them pet friendly!

Patios placed on street parking spots are unsafe and unsightly. In the wintertime they have been allowed to remain in place and are seldom utilized and take away much needed parking spaces. Businesses should have patio confined to property property but only if it does not take up parking spaces. Businesses should not be allowed to expand onto public sidewalks or roads.

Keep the Community Ambience coming!!!

It's quite obvious that parking in the downtown core is an issue. The one original spot was a temporary summer situation. That now to has and will become an issue as eliminating even 5 spots on the Main Street especially is now an issue. The food trucks although a great

idea should equally Not be allowed on main streets downtown. this also impedes other restaurants in the area. When then also take up 2-3 key parking stalls this IS aproblem

It encourages people to interact more, meet others they wouldn't and encourages community spirit. Especially in and post-pandemic times, this is so invaluable compared to parking options.

Please make the temporary patios permanent and make it easier for more businesses to get patios. It makes downtown much more enjoyable and walkable. There's plenty of parking to go around and more people should walk, bike or transit.

My only issue with outdoor patios is noise,especially from loud live music.

Limiting the number of parking spot patios is preferred to letting them get out of control.

It's all about balance. The amount of parking downtown at times is limited but the extra time walking from a few streets over to go the market or other stores is far out weighed by the benefit to the downtown businesses and over all increase in useability and vibe of the downtown area thereby making it a destination where folks linger. A vibrant down town is needed otherwise as we have seen in many other communities it withers and dies and becomes a location to avoid.

Patios are civilized. Patios without traffic driving right past them are even more civilized. Think about every/any courtyard patio you've been to anywhere in the world. Nice, right? Not only should we have outdoor patios, but we should also have vehicle-free streets so we don't inhale exhaust fumes as we eat/drink outside. More environmentally friendly, would make Squamish more interesting, nicer places to hang out.

Patios are extensively and well used in other countries, such as Finland, England, France, etc. So why not here? They create a more friendly, viable and social atmosphere than just rows of tin cans("cars"), and contribute to making a town like Squamish more friendly, social, and attractive. I have come to like the atmosphere of

Squamish much more since the introduction and use of outdoor patios. Of course I love the surrounding natural atmosphere of Squamish, and attractive, colourful, pleasant patios contribute to the overall atmosphere in the way cars and car parks do NOT. So please continue the use of patios, but ensure that they are attractive, colourful, friendly. The experiment to date has been very positive.

as noted - should all be gone for winter months!

Why not have food trucks and patios at all the tourist destinations in Squamish, Alice Lake, The chief parking lot, Brennan Park, Yacht club. Allow them to operate at different hours, in summer.. with licensing. Think outside the box.. these are extremely practical and popular Tourist would love to have an alternative, when the existing restaurants are all full. All the restaurants in Squamish should have full covered patios, that are heated for yearly operation

I really love the patios, especially in the summer and ideally with covers and heaters in the winter if possible. I think it's important to support economic recovery and even post-covid, the patios add a vibrancy, more seating and community feel.

I find it very difficult to navigate the sidewalks in downtown Squamish because of all the "stuff" placed on them. The outside cafes in parking stalls are unsanitary & I don't enjoy gas fumes with my meal!

There is a parking issue in this town. The more food trucks and patios the worse it gets. Food trucks should not be allowed to reserve their spot with signs in the parking stall so you don't park there and should by no means be allowed to take up more than one stall. The teriyaki one regularly blocks FOUR spaces. That is insane and should not be allowed. I have counted in summer food trucks taking up 12 spaces from tax payers. Food trucks don't pay taxes like their brick and mortar counterparts. They should have to pay a fee to make it fair to the cafes etc they are taking business away from. There should also be a limit on the number of food trucks allowed to operate downtown per day.

It would be great if Cleveland was pedestrian and bike only during the summer months. This would allow spaces for people, businesses and community instead of cars.

Let's make the downtown as attractive and as friendly as possible for residents and tourists.

the more patios the better. Also very nice for young families, easy access for kids/strollers etc.

Why not close the entire block on Cleveland between Winnipeg and Victoria to foot traffic only year round- like Europe does. Everyone can have a patio and create community seating with benches in the plaza. Food trucks can apply to have a turn to set up in the plaza. The parking downtown is a problem anyway and this wouldn't be any better or worse but give a nice space and patios continue if desired. The more housing development approved in a small area the more parking issues there will be!

Pets should not be allowed on patios.

More, please!

Its helped all businesses downtown. Really brings the community outside in safe areas to socilaize, eat & drink

Love patios all year around. They do get more use in winter though if they are heated and covered. The best all weather patio example is the one at Cliffside Cider.

Squamish could use a lot more patio space, especially while considering ourselves a tourist destination. Streets like Cleveland Ave are extremely wide. I would love to see it redesigned into a one-lane, one-way street with angled parking (even more cars can fit) with more space for pedestrian traffic and patios. It would be a game-changer for DT Squamish. Unfortunately urban planning is too much following the North American car-focused standard. Just look at the bustling European town centers as an example (that even have complete car free areas).

I think taking advantage of the beautiful Squamish fresh air and views is a privelage and one of the benefits of living here. I love sitting on

the Goats (Dog Friendly) patio in the summer and also love the heated patio at the Copper Coil. I think patios downtown create a vibrant friendly atmosphere.

Squamish has been planned to make it convenient for cars. We need to rethink our towns and make planning for people first.

The Highlands could benefit from food trucks as well. It would reduce the dependency on the car.

Love these!

Pedestrians first makes the town more vibrant, safer, inclusive — this includes patios and using parking stalls for patios. I'd love to see Squamish really put pedestrians at the forefront of planning.

Great addition to the town. Don't backtrack now :)

The corner bench seating on Cleveland and Winnipeg is a waste of space. There's a park down the street, there are benches nearby. Downtown is desperate for parking and giving up 2 spots for a bench is ridiculous. Same with Alice & Brohm in 2nd. They're not even open all winter yet the patio sits there. Fox & Oak, which I love, does not need a temporary patio it's directly across the street from a park with benches!

Outdoor patios and seating make the downtown area so lively. With picturesque views, let's hang out outside in the adventure capital of Canada.

By making them permanent, the owners can confidently invest more money into the design, construction and durability making them even better than they are now.

This is a no brainer. Squamish absolutely needs these small businesses to succeed and our Main Street is ugly without these patios. Pls keep!!

Our family loves using outdoor patios throughout the year. We often stop in at a cafe downtown then enjoy our drinks and food outdoors. It is fun, friendly and convenient. Also makes downtown more lively.

Prioritize people and local businesses and cars. Underground parking could be an option to continue to bring people downtown. Ideally limit surface parking. It's a really tough balance to strike - good luck!

Would love a parklet by copper coil to draw more community south on Cleveland!

As a newer member to the Squamish community, I really love the patios for showcasing our beautiful town/area and hopefully allowing more customers for local businesses. Patios allow for a greater sense of community as a whole.

As a resident of downtown Squamish, I really love having patio options for coffee, food and drink! It creates a great atmosphere. Especially during Covid, having the option of socializing outdoors, helped with mental health and social connection. I fully support patios in Squamish!

Making downtown Squamish vibrant with residences and tourists is a good thing for the community and businesses. It will take up parking but the downtown is not that big so parking a few blocks off of Cleveland Avenue is not a big deal.

It is so nice to sit and enjoy a coffee or bite to eat and take in all the great views Squamish has! It is also nicer to sit outside with young kids as it allows a little more freedom.

The patios are a fantastic edition to Squamish

Patios on the street are great and allow people to socialize outside and enjoy food, but if they are on public property, they should be accessible to anyone for casual seating, eating, hanging out, etc. And shouldn't be restricted to use only by restaurant patrons. Ideally they would be designed and built (and signed) in a way that welcomes people and ensures folks know that they're free to use the patios for reasonable amounts of time.

Parking is limited as is. Not everyone is able to walk to downtown. If you want downtown to thrive you must make it easy to access. And bicycles are not the answer.

It makes us come downtown! We love to be outdoors but We have a little one so adventure is few and far between right now. When Going for coffee or donuts or meals We dont want to sit inside when we purposely moved to squamish to be outside!

I could wish for a little overhead cover to protect from weather, and I do recognize that there needs to be a reasonable amount of parking, but overall I love having patio space to sit in. I use the stores more because there's room to sit

I feel that increased outdoor dining space will make Squamish's community feel more vibrant, like the beautiful plazas of Europe. Let's plan our community for people, not vehicles!

I like patios, add more bike storage so that driving isn't needed. Also allow dogs on patios

I was going North on Cleveland one mid-week afternoon, when a man double parked his truck beside the patio in front of Zephyr and then ran into Zephyr. Also, people gather in small groups, sometimes with dogs on leash, between the patio and the restaurant, making it difficult to manoeuvre past them, especially the elderly.

Parking will get worse once the development starts. People already having problems finding spots for Dr appointments. There are cars parked for a long time near apartment complexes that do not move. Last big snow fall showed us that. People will always need cars, this community is not set up for retirement with less need for cars, it is being designed for younger gen.

The question about what you don't like about parking stall patios in squamish was biased. Forcing us to choose one of the pre determined options with out an option to pick "other" and explain our concerns invalidates the question and could skew results.

It as been nice to have the outdoor seat during covid, also a nice changed from takeout

I prefer to eat at outdoor patios because of Covid. It is safer to be outdoors.

In general, I am in support of them.

I feel the parking concerns Downtown need to be considered separately and a long term solution is needed. The businesses downtown need help and the revitalization of Downtown is going well and must continue!

Parking is an issue because there are no viable alternatives to single occupancy vehicles within Squamish or between Squamish and other communities like Vancouver or Whistler. There needs to be convenient, low-cost, reliable alternatives such as car shares and buses, park and rides and possibly rail, so that we can start shifting Squamish away from being a car-centric community.

While I do like and think these will add to Squamish's downtown core, we need to address the parking as well. So it is not one over the other it is both.

I am concerned about downtown parking with the planned population growth. Repurposing parking spaces has only a minimal negative impact on parking for otherwise large upside. I would be in favour of many more patios and outdoor seating spaces.

Downtown restaurants need all the help they can get to recover from recent setbacks. Parking can be a problem downtown and that needs to be addressed separately as even if there weren't patios there would be a lack of parking. We really do need a strategically placed parkade. Also more safe, lit connected bike paths and bike stalls to downtown. It's sad that our streets roll up at 5 pm. Patios create a vibrancy that attracts business and allows people a place to socialize and enjoy being in the fresh air. Some covered areas will be needed and heaters will help expand the seating options. Will take a good summer without Covid to really catch on but I bet it will put Squamish on the map for a more fun social town. I hear folks make the drive here to hit Pearls, and why not stay for lunch or dinner eating

outside? I love Squamish.

Keep em coming! Everybody should love patios. Some dont like change but once you'll sit on that patio with the sun in your face and a drink in your hand it all comes together with a smile!

hi

n/a

keep these patios common :)

I encourage more public space designed for enjoying food with others. With the increased density, there will be an increased need to get outside and into the community. It shouldn't always mean spending money in a restaurant or cafe but will likely encourage it.

Nowhere have I seen that business owners must pay 'rent' for putting a stall in front of their business. There should be no free lunch for them because there is no free lunch for me!!

Fun and interesting places are walkable and meant for human interaction. Patios are fantastic! Cars are so 20th century.

Perhaps the district could encourage food trucks setting up outside of the downtown. Would be great to have a pop-up food-truck/ patio in the Highlands for a change. Seems we always have to get into our car to go anywhere. It would be wonderful to (finally) see some attention placed in the Highlands (and other parts of town) that don't have the benefit of local eateries or patios. Be a super way to use the school grounds on weekends or the entrance to a park. Let's try thinking outside of the box.

I love the patios! My only concern is that I find it really difficult to park, and often see one car taking up two stalls, in the stalls between the zephyr patio and sunflower bakery patio which wouldn't be an issue if they were adjacent. I would love to see a patio/sidewalk extension along second street between Winnipeg and Pemberton on the West

side, outside the music school/UPS/Chief/1914. The sidewalk gets very very crowded even in the winter when fewer people are out and the ice cream store is closed. A long communal patio would give people more space to stand or sit and room for folks with strollers/dogs/wheelchairs to pass without people having to step into traffic.

My partner and I love the patios in Squamish and take advantage of them year round. They create a much more vibrant and positive environment and vibe in the downtown centre, and with the addition of food trucks bring so many more food options. We would love to see this program extended or permanently implemented to continue to have patios year round in Squamish!

I love the patios but am concern d with lack of parking

Patios are great for safe and PHA advisory to be in open spaces for Covid safety. Also allows the business to serve more people and therefore increase revenue after the strain of Covid 19 and now rising costs

Allowing public parking stalls to be used for purposes such as food trucks and mobile retail vendors is equivalent to subsidizing these businesses versus storefronts who pay much higher rents and actually pay property tax. For the sake of fair business practice, the DOS should not allow these types of businesses in public parking spaces. I do support the idea of sidewalk patios and a portion of park space being used for mobile vendors. Where it doesn't take up parking and doesn't interfere or compete with neighbouring businesses.

Patios and side walk cafes have made Squamish much more of a destination city as opposed to a gas stop passing through. Thanks

Optional question (82 response(s), 69 skipped)

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