



## Memo to Council

### From the Office of Councillor Zoë Royer

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Date: April 13, 2021  
Subject: Support for Outdoor Fitness Fee Waiver

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#### Purpose

The outdoor space rental of \$30/hour for local gyms to offer outdoor fitness classes in city spaces is very prohibitive. These businesses are struggling to make ends meet. They have all of the expenses associated with their brick and mortar spaces, but COVID restrictions have significantly impacted the use of their space and their membership revenue.

Currently, Port Moody limits outdoor space use to a group of 9 participants including the instructor. After paying for the outdoor space rental and the instructor costs, local gyms are left without any financial gain and a lot of extra work. Gym operators have applied for fee waivers with the City of Port Moody, but this would require them to also provide the class for free in order to have the outdoor space fee waived. Local gyms owners have been eager to find ways to offer classes, especially as the weather improves, but they need a relaxation in fees in order to do so.

This memo seek Council's support that the fee be waived, and that the number of participants be increased in accordance with provincial health orders:

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#### Recommendation

**THAT local Port Moody fitness and wellness businesses be granted use of the City's outdoor spaces for free to offer their classes, without the requirement of having to provide the class for free, until such time that all Provincial restrictions associated with COVID-19 have been lifted as recommended in the memo dated April 13, 2021 from the Office of Councillor Zoë Royer regarding Support for Outdoor Fitness Fee Waiver;**

**AND THAT every opportunity to increase class sizes in outdoor spaces be considered, provided social distancing protocols are adhered to.**

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