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**Subject:** on-street Patio Program

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From: jan male  
Sent: Tuesday, May 12, 2020 11:31 AM  
To: clerk@hamilton.ca  
Cc: Jan Male  
Subject: Re: on-street Patio Program

I am at a loss and desperate to save my business. I do not qualify for any government assistance to date because I only opened in March as a new restaurant. Prior to that I owned The Come By Chance and the building at 78 Melvin, however I had to take my former partner through the legal system when over 1 million was missing and she was doing illegal activities. I had to open under a new corporation. So now I own Iron Horse Saloon Restaurant. It has a capacity of 92 inside. The building is a separate corporation that the restaurant pays rent to. As such I also do not meet the qualifications for the Commercial Rent program as I am not at arms length to the landlord.

I am losing everything I have invested and fought for and now that you have a temporary Patio Program, I am just outside the boundaries of the CIPAs. How ever what bothers me is that because Ottawa Street and I believe Parkdale Ave which are around the corner from me and eligible for patios, it puts me in a worse position and will take business from me as people love sitting outside enjoying a patio. I have a patio that because of zoning changes I need to try and do a change but this is very costly and no guarantee I will get one. It's not a large patio but holds about 30 to 40 but with distancing would add about 15 to my capacity for the summer.

Please I am so scared and desperate. Please advice if there is any way I can at least meet criteria under the On Street Patio program even though it's not on street. I am 62 and can't afford to lose everything. The mortgage for the building has a lien on my own home.

Sincerely  
Jan Male

Sent from my iPhone