

**Subject:** Temporary Use Bylaw for ZBL 05-200: Outdoor Commercial Patios

I am writing to say that I fully support this temporary use bylaw as I, along with many people I know, are not yet entirely comfortable with indoor dining, especially in small restaurants and cafes. It helps support business in our community and allows people to venture out of their homes and meet up in a safer space than inside a bar.

As part of this proposed bylaw (and it appears the City may have already pre-approved some patios whether via site specific zoning amendments or other avenues which I applaud) I hope the City will consider making some of these permanent features, where the site makes sense (ie, unused alleys, dead end streets, abandoned parking lots, etc). When I say permanent, this could be through seasonal licenses for pop up patios (ie Hmbrgr on Ottawa St) in certain commercial districts, or via permanent zoning amendments for sites that can support the use year-round without having to take them apart each evening.

A fantastic example of using space that provides an outdoor dining experience that is safer for patrons is Merk on Ottawa St N. They have been able to utilize the alleyway beside them and I have felt safer from speeding car traffic. People are quiet and respectful and it is a nice option that I hope can continue.

I would like to receive a copy of the decision, via email preferably.

Thank you.

Kind regards,  
Erin Shacklette