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City of Hamilton
Planning Committee
Hamilton City Hall
71 Main St West
Hamilton, ON
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October 5th, 2020

Dear Chair and Members of Planning Committee,

RE: Outdoor Dining Districts Winter Season (PED20169) (City Wide)

We are writing in support of the extension of the Outdoor Dining Districts through to October 31st, 2021. We saw first-hand how this program was pivotal in many of our business's survival.



Unfortunately, Barton St E is not conducive to on-street patios as it is an industrial truck route with very poor walkability (as seen on page 8 of PED20169). But this program allowed our businesses to overtake alleyways and boulevards in order to operate.

We would request the following amendments:

- That this program also be available to our retail and service establishments to allow them to use the same areas to sell products / provide a service
- That all BIA areas be allowed to use this program in order to shut down a street in their BIA at least once in 2021 to support physical distancing and to allow those businesses that are not physically able to have a patio to have one for at least one day. Especially if this is a street that has been allowed to be shut down in previous years.

We also encourage adaption of the City of Hamilton Financial Incentive packages in order to allow small businesses to use them towards purchasing infrastructure, lighting, heating etc. for their patios.

Please don't hesitate to reach out should you have any questions,

Sincerely

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Barton Village BIA