

CITY OF HAMILTON

MOTION

General Issues Committee: February 21, 2024

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR T. MCMEEKIN.....

SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR.....

2024 Temporary Outdoor Patio Program Fees

WHEREAS, the City of Hamilton first launched the temporary On-Street Patio Pilot Program in 2016, which became the permanent Temporary Outdoor Patio Program in 2022;

WHEREAS, the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program provides an opportunity for restaurants and cafes to open temporary outdoor patios in on-street parking spaces, off-street parking lots, sidewalks, alleyways and boulevards;

WHEREAS, the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program provides an important opportunity for local restaurants and cafes to increase their capacity through outdoor dining, and also helps to animate local commercial areas;

WHEREAS, during COVID, the City waived all applicable City fees for the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program in order to support economic recovery;

WHEREAS, in 2023 business owners once again became responsible for some costs of the program, but Council approved the continued waiving of the safety device installation costs and the program application fees;

WHEREAS, a number of municipalities are continuing to offer reduced fees and costs for their temporary patio programs in 2024;

WHEREAS, the applicable fees in 2024 for the program are as follows:

City Fee	2024 Cost	Details
Temporary Outdoor Patio Application Fee	\$676.11	Applicable only to applications for patios on municipal property, including On-Street Patio applications

Temporary On-Street Patio Occupation of Parking Space Fee	\$913.27/ parking space	Applicable only to on-street structures (patios or pedestrian bypass structures)
Temporary Lane Closure Fee	\$59.20	Applicable to patios occupying an alleyway.

WHEREAS, in addition to the City fees, business owners are also responsible for all costs associated with installing safety devices, installing the patios themselves, and any applicable provincial fees for liquor licenses;

WHEREAS, local restaurants and cafes continue to be impacted by reduced business as a result of hybrid working and reduced foot traffic in some of our commercial areas;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

- (a) That for the 2024 season, the application fee for the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program of \$676.11 be waived and the costs recovered through the Economic Development Initiatives Capital Project (3621708900);
- (b) That for the 2025 season, the application fee for the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program be reduced by 50% and the costs recovered through the Economic Development Initiatives Capital Project (3621708900); and,
- (c) That local businesses be responsible for covering all other costs associated with the Temporary Outdoor Patio Program.