




COMMUNICATION UPDATE

TO:	Mayor and Members City Council
DATE:	June 21, 2022
SUBJECT:	On-Street Patio Modifications (Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 13)
WARD(S) AFFECTED:	Wards 1, 2, 3, 4, 7, and 13
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The purpose of this Communications Update is to inform Council of some modifications that will be made starting this week to some of the existing on-street patios across the City. The modifications include the installation of additional barriers and other improvements for pedestrian and patron safety. These will be added around the existing structures and no changes to the actual patio space are needed.

The changes are being made in response to a new “Restaurant Patio Guidelines within the Right of Way” document that was recently released by the provincial Ontario Traffic Council, which is a provincial member-based organization that provides diverse expertise in traffic engineering, transportation planning, safety and traffic enforcement. For more information see www.otc.org/restaurant-patio-guidelines/

Staff have utilized the new provincial guidelines to inform the type and placement of physical barriers, however the exact set-up will vary by location depending on site and surrounding conditions. In some locations, changes to on-street parking will be required as a result of applying the new provincial guidelines. For the 2022 patio season, these safety enhancements will be implemented by the City at no cost to the business owner, in accordance with Council’s direction to offset the costs of the temporary patio program as part of our post-COVID economic recovery.

Permit holders for all affected on-street patios have been advised of the pending changes.

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If you have any questions regarding this communication, please contact Rob Lalli, Director, Strategic Initiatives by email at Robert.Lalli@hamilton.ca or at (905) 546-2424 Ext. 4674.

APPENDICES AND SCHEDULES ATTACHED

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