

Seasonal Patio Program

Budget Committee Meeting
Sept.6, 2023

Why is this program important?

- Patios can foster a sense of connection, enhance social interactions, support the local economy and contribute to the well-being of communities.
- Benefits include:
 - Sense of place and identity
 - Social gathering spaces
 - Support for local businesses
 - Enhanced public health and well-being



Creating the program

Goal: to create participation in the program, not obstacles

- Framework for the program in Appendix D
- Further consultation to be undertaken on this draft framework
- Report back in Q4 2023 with final program for Council's consideration
- The report focuses on the cost to run the program

Stakeholder Engagement – Key Findings

- Three surveys: the public, restaurant and café owners and employees, and non-food service businesses
- More than 1000 respondents to the public survey
- All three groups surveyed showed overwhelming support for a seasonal patio program



What's New

On-Street Patio Installations

- Maximum of 2 parking spaces per restaurant (based on frontage)
- No maximum limit on parking spaces used per block
- Safety barriers required for all on-street patio spaces
- Scoped application period for on-street patios (coordination)

Administrative

- Re-introduction of fees
- Commercial Area Coordinator
- Defined roles and responsibilities
- Standards Manual and Process Guide
- Automate processing and tracking
- Appeals process

How will this get done?

- **Commercial Area Coordinator**

- New FTE in Economic Development (patios will be 30% of job/duties)
- Patio program administration, first point of contact, collaborates with BIAs for program promotion, monitoring and reporting, online portal development
- Supports Program Core Team staff
- 70% of time – BIA Liaison/Ec. Dev. Coordinator

- **Program Core Team**

- Planning, Transportation & Engineering, MES, Economic Development, Roads & Works, Parks, Building and Fire
- These subject matter experts make the decisions

- **Program Contributors and Program Champions**

Program Implementation Costs

	Annual Operating Cost	One-time Capital Cost
Staff time – Applications & Monitoring (direct & indirect)	\$28,000	
Staff time – Commercial Area Coordinator (New 0.3 FTE) *	\$36,000*	
AMANDA Portal		\$64,000
Safety barrier equipment purchase		\$50,000
Staff time – Deployment of safety barriers	\$30,000	
Parking space reserve	\$56,160	
TOTAL	\$150,160	\$114,000

Permit Application Fees

	Full 2024 Rate	50% Cost Recovery	Proposed 2024 Permit Fee (30%)
Merchandise Display	\$180	\$90	\$54
Bistro Patio	\$670	\$335	\$201
Patio with enclosure on the boulevard	\$1,380	\$690	\$414
Patio within on-street parking stall(s)	\$1,380	\$690	\$414

Fees for patios in On-Street Parking Spaces

	Fees
Permit Fee	\$414
Each Parking Space	\$562
Barrier Rental	TBD*
Barrier Deployment	TBD*

- Barrier rental fee
- Barrier deployment
- Staff working with CIMA+ to determine barrier type to be used
- Cost to TBD once barrier system has been selected

Questions?