

Memorandum

Date: April 25, 2023

To: Members of Council

From: Sandra Dolson, Officer, Economic Development, Community Services

Subject: Supplementary Information – Staff Report 2023-0231: Outdoor Patio Program in Bolton – Master Patio Agreement with Region of Peel

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide supplemental information regarding Staff Report 2023-0231: Outdoor Patio Program in Bolton - Master Patio Agreement with Region of Peel which was before General Committee on April 4. At the General Committee meeting, members of Council asked for the process a business may undertake to secure permission for a patio within the Region of Peel right of way outside of the area identified Downtown Bolton.

Restaurants in other areas of Caledon may apply to implement a patio through the Business License process. A Patio Encroachment Agreement is only required through this process if the patio is located on lands under the jurisdiction of the Town of Caledon or the Region of Peel.

Re-cap Downtown Bolton Master Patio Agreement

As directed by the Bolton Downtown Revitalization Plan, staff implemented this pilot program in this priority area with the intent to expand the program in future patio seasons pending interest. The area is a priority for staff due to its nature as the only location within Caledon, along Region of Peel right of way, with a cluster of businesses that are eligible for participation in the patio program.

In 2022 Council approved an amendment to Zoning By-law 2006-50 for the commercial area in downtown Bolton. This Amendment included provisions to allow for temporary outdoor patios to locate adjacent to restaurants in the right of way if approved through the business license process.

Including the authority to enter into encroachment agreements with the Town of Caledon for an area under the jurisdiction of the Region of Peel, streamlines the application process for this pilot program, providing a “one-stop” approach for the applicants, saving time and reducing costs for businesses within the defined area.

Patios in Caledon Communities

Outside of downtown Bolton, patios within the right of way would also require a zoning review which may necessitate relief from the requirements of Zoning By-law 2006-50. The Region has indicated that if Town staff identify commercial areas in other Caledon communities where individual businesses are interested in seeking permission for a patio within the Region of Peel right of way, expanding the Master Patio Agreement beyond downtown Bolton is possible through an Amendment. However, each commercial area or site is unique and would have to be evaluated to ensure standards and regulations may be met prior to consideration of an Amendment.

Staff is not aware of any restaurants located in an area where a sidewalk patio is the only option for an outdoor patio space.

