



Highlights from the Council Chamber

Special Council re Patio and Public Realm Initiative – June 18, 2020

Below is a snapshot of what Council approved at its meeting held on Thursday, June 18, 2020. Please note: The wording below does not represent the exact wording of the motion and is meant as highlights.

- As recommended in Report ERTF-20-02 dated June 17, 2020 from the Economic Recovery Task Force, in order to assist local retail/restaurant operations to expand their footprint while balancing the use of the public realm with maintaining space for physical separation during Stage 2 of the Provincial removal of COVID-19 restrictions, the following be approved as part of the first phase of the patio and public realm initiative:

Marketing and Promotion:

1. \$7,000 was appropriated from the Social Assistance and Economic Recovery COVID-19 Emergency Relief Reserve for the signage and marketing components identified in the report.

Patio Approvals - Streamlined Process:

1. Implementation of a Patio Acknowledgement and Undertaking Form, a draft of which is set out in Schedule “D” of the report and amendments to By-law Number 2020-28, the City’s Emergency Measures By-law, as set out in Schedule “E” of the report.
2. Supporting the establishment of a Patio Task Force to review and facilitate patio approval requests.
3. Temporary amendments to Chapter 675 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Use of Sidewalks - Business Improvement Area to remove the authority of the DOMB to approve “tables” and “chairs” on municipal sidewalks in the Business Improvement Area until November 15, 2020.

Offsetting the Costs of Patios in the Public Realm:

1. \$30,000 was allocated to the 2020 DTCIP Building Improvement Grant Program for patios, with funding appropriated from the Downtown Tomorrow Community Improvement Plan (DTCIP) Reserve.
2. \$20,000 was allocated to the 2020 DTCIP Fees Grant Program for patios, with funding appropriated from the City's Social Assistance and Economic Recovery COVID-19 Emergency Relief Reserve.
3. Waiving of applicable clauses within Policy 4.2.1.3 - Guidelines - Downtown Tomorrow Community Improvement Plan Review Panel to enable staff to approve patio specific applications to the DTCIP Building Improvement Grant Program and to waive the intake deadline for applications related to patios for the 2020 patio season.
4. Amend Chapter 251 of the City of Orillia Municipal Code - Delegated Authority to provide the Director of Business Development and Communications the authority to approve Building Improvement Grants for patios for the 2020 season.

The full agenda for the June 18, 2020 meeting, which includes the full detailed reports, is available on the City's website at orillia.ca.