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Hello City Councilors,
clerks@guelph.ca Re: Seasonal Patio Program Agenda item 9.1

I am an 8-year resident of the city of Guelph, ON, and I am writing to urge you to consider a pedestrianized downtown Guelph for the patio season of 2021 (and beyond!). The road closures downtown last summer created a new and safe place for myself and my 8-year old daughter to ride our bikes to, and then shop locally downtown - something we could never have done with active roads- and we visited downtown more often and more regularly. The car-free streets and patios were also a reprieve and an oasis in these strange times, and with some conscientious planning could be the new normal that can be found in cities all over the world.

The infrastructure to support a Patio Program exists, and we know how to make it happen. Let's be trailblazers in these times and plan to revitalize the core of our city.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'R. Forsey', with a stylized flourish at the end.

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