



- Shifting private property applications back to the regular liquor licensing and building permitting process in compliance with the City’s Zoning By-law (2023)-20790.
- A shorter patio season, running between the first weekend in May and the last weekend of September.
- Updates to pre-approved patio drawings to remove COVID-19 distancing requirements.
- An updated fee structure that reflects Council direction to create a revenue neutral service level including:
  - The one-time seasonal patio application fee: \$171 + HST
  - The one-time seasonal patio agreement fee: \$228 + HST
  - An annual seasonal patio inspection fee: \$260 + HST
  - An on-street rental fee: \$10 per square meter per month + HST

The 2024 Seasonal Patio Program ran between May 4, 2024, and September 27, 2024. Although many patio operators were able to install the first weekend, several businesses received barriers on the weekend of May 11, 2024, and the weekend of May 25, 2024, which was a result of construction work initiated by Enbridge in preparation for the Downtown Infrastructure Renewal Program.

### **Participation Rates**

In 2024, the Seasonal Patio Program had 14 business participants that animated designated streets and parking lanes in Downtown Guelph between the months of May and September 2024. For comparison, in 2023, the Seasonal Patio Program had 33 participants in the Downtown.

Although the 2024 season shows a roughly 50 per cent reduction in participation, patio sizes for those who have continued to participate in the program have remained mostly consistent with installed patios in previous years. For those that did not participate in 2024 but did participate in 2023, seven applied for or maintained sidewalk-only patios and also hold encroachment agreements with the City in compliance with the [City Lands Encroachment By-law](#).

### **Financial Implications**

The fees collected for the Seasonal Patio Program in 2024 were able to cover the cost of facilitating the program.

### **Consultations**

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### **Attachments**

None

### **Departmental Approval**

None

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