

# Advisory Committee of Council Staff Report



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To Accessibility Advisory Committee  
Date Tuesday, February 18, 2025  
Subject **Process for Moving Accessible Spaces during the Seasonal Patio Program**

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## Recommendation

1. That the Accessibility Advisory Committee receives this report.
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## Executive Summary

### Purpose of Report

To communicate and receive feedback on the City's current process for moving Accessible Parking spaces downtown during the Seasonal Patio Program.

### Key Findings

Each year, temporary patios are installed in the downtown core between May and September using on-street parking lanes and the right-of-way through the Seasonal Patio Program. Although most parking spaces are removed from the overall on-street parking inventory, accessible spaces and short-term spaces (15 minute or less) are moved to the next closest location that can be accommodated. This is done in consideration of the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA), other installed seasonal patios with active encroachment agreements, and planned downtown work.

### Strategic Plan Alignment

#### 11. [Grow Guelph's economy](#)

- The Seasonal Patio Program aligns with the goal of growing Guelph's economy by implementing the Economic Development and Tourism Strategy (11.1)

#### 12. [Make downtown a vibrant place for everyone](#)

- The Seasonal Patio Program aligns with the goal of making downtown a vibrant place for everyone by fostering a thriving, competitive and safe downtown through collaboration with community partners (12.2)

### Financial Implications

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

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In 2024, the reallocated accessible spots during the Seasonal Patio Program were located:

- On the east side of Wyndham Street in front of Brothers Brewing
- On the south side of Macdonell Street in front of Fat Bastard Burrito Co.

Following the approval of a patio application, Traffic Engineering staff work in conjunction with the Operations team to arrange removal and reinstallation of existing accessible parking signage to a new chosen location.

Considerations for the temporary movement of an accessible stall includes relocating to the closest location, considering AODA requirements such as proximity to curb drops and appropriate stall dimension.

Once the spots are moved and the patios are installed, the Accessibility Advisory Committee will receive notice through the staff liaison and a Public Notice will be issued the week preceding the patio installation.

### **Financial Implications**

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

### **Consultations**

All Seasonal Patio Program applications are reviewed by internal departments and approved in compliance with City policies and the Seasonal Patio Program Guidelines. Once approved, parking spots will be reallocated to the next closest spot and those locations will be communicated to the Accessibility Advisory Committee in the first week of May each year.

### **Attachments**

Attachment-1 Moving Accessible Spaces

### **Departmental Approval**

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