



## TOWN OF MINTO

**DATE:** August 30, 2018  
**REPORT TO:** Mayor and Council  
**FROM:** Bill White C.A.O. Clerk  
**SUBJECT:** Outdoor Patio Requests

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### STRATEGIC PLAN:

9.10 Continue to invest resources into maintaining and improving the visual appeal of the downtown core, and ensure future development links into the design character of public spaces to strengthen the 'one-town' feel with consistent visual design between the former municipalities. (ie. similar colours, light standards, planters).

### BACKGROUND:

The Town has worked with the owner of the former Mac's Building in Palmerston Gurmit Singh over the last few years to dramatically restore this building which was once a terrible eyesore. Mr. Singh has invested considerably in this location as well as other properties he owns in Minto. Council approved a \$40,000 structural improvement grant for \$186,000 investment of submitted work.

The Town facilitated a property launch to attract potential entrepreneurs who wish to work with Mr. Singh to grow their own business within his buildings. Two potential tenants have come forward which include Bombayhub Sports Bar featuring Canadian and East Indian food and Kulfi Café featuring coffee and ice cream. He would like to develop sidewalk patios at these locations next year to increase business opportunity and a chance for success.



The patios shown were originally proposed within parking spaces inside the curbed roadway, and while this is possible most communities locate the patio on the sidewalk and re-direct pedestrian traffic around the patio. If the patio is large enough sometimes the pedestrian

path is relocated to the parking spaces on the road with appropriate barriers and warning placed to protect pedestrians. It was subsequently determined that if a patio is licensed it must be immediately adjacent to the building. This example below from Barrie shows how pedestrian traffic can be relocated into the parking spaces. Mr. Singh agrees to install the patio in this format if required by the Town.



#### COMMENTS:

Mr. Singh's building is located at the corner of William Street and Main Street right where the Town's pedestrian crossing is located. Public Works assessed the location from a visibility perspective. The most challenging site line is for vehicles wanting to enter Main Street from William as views westerly can be reduced particularly if a larger vehicle is parked at the nearest space.

Staff believes that moving the patio to within the sidewalk area and occupying the parking spaces with a pedestrian corridor would improve visibility for vehicles entering Main Street from William. In addition vehicles travelling east on Main Street would have complete visibility of lights and signs at the pedestrian crossover.





County approval of the patios will be required as Main Street is under their jurisdiction. Public Works advises that street cleaning can be delayed until early May in some seasons and is recommending the patios not be installed until that work can be finished.

The patio will create colour and activity at the corner which may be a distraction, but may also encourage motorists to slow down in the core of Palmerston. There may be some concern with loss of parking spaces in the downtown, but the impact should be minimal and the potential spin-off benefits from the added customer traffic beneficial for all business.

Staff recommends the following criteria apply to all patios that may come forward:

- a. Patios must be applied for annually through the Town Building Department and must be located immediately adjacent to and in front of the associated business requiring the patio and situated to not impact vehicle and pedestrian traffic.
- b. The business proposing the patio is responsible for installing all patio furniture, fencing, railings, traffic barriers, safety signage and similar as required by the Town or Wellington County to ensure the safety of the patio users, pedestrians and motorists.
- c. Accessibility of all persons must be considered in the patio design to ensure barrier free considerations are met including ramping curbs, maintaining 1.5 metre clearance and identifying changes in direction and edges on the sidewalk for the visually impaired.
- d. Patios are allowed generally the Thursday before the long weekend of May and are to be removed before the Friday after the Thanksgiving weekend unless weather and street work allows the time to be extended. Patio owner responsible for restoring the sidewalk to its original condition. Hours of operation are 8:00am to 11:00pm maximum..
- e. No advertising signage shall be attached to any fences or railings associated with the patio, and nothing installed on the patio shall be lagged or connected to the sidewalk, curb, brickway, asphalt, light post or similar.
- f. Umbrellas or similar shade features or any other patio furniture shall not exceed 1.9 metres in height
- g. Patio owner is to ensure all other approvals including Health Unit, AGCO and any other standards and codes are met including applicable requirements of the Building Code.
- h. Patio owners must carry no less than \$2 million liability insurance naming the Town and Wellington County (if applicable) as additional insured.

#### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

The Town has no fee schedule for this kind of installation. The Town could charge an annual fee for inspection and processing applications.

#### **RECOMMENDATION:**

That Council receive the C.A.O. Clerk's August 30, 2018 report Outdoor Patio Requests and approves in principle outdoor patios at 212 Main Street East Palmerston subject to the patio owner submitting appropriate plans for consideration in 2019 complying generally with the provisions outlined in the report and obtaining approval from Wellington County.

Bill White C.A.O. Clerk