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**TO:** GENERAL COMMITTEE

**SUBJECT:** CITY CENTRE OUTDOOR PATIO FEES – IMPACTS OF DUNLOP STREET EAST CORRIDOR IMPROVEMENTS

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### **RECOMMENDED MOTION**

1. That staff be authorized to waive the City Centre Outdoor Patio application and associated on-street parking rate fees for the 2020 and 2021 patio season on Dunlop Street between Mulcaster Street and Toronto Street and including the side streets in recognition of the impacts of the Dunlop Streetscape construction.

### **PURPOSE & BACKGROUND**

2. Outdoor Patios were introduced in the City Centre in 2011.
3. The current fee structure is as follows:
  - a. Outdoor Patio Application fee is \$452.00 plus HST. The fee covers the administrative costs associated with the issuance of a Right-of-Way-Permit and one inspection visit.
  - b. Lease rate of \$0.40 per square foot per month for the lease of City sidewalk space for the purpose of an outdoor patio.
  - c. The parking rate fee per on-street parking space is \$1300 calculated at \$1.25/hour, 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday, during patio season between April 15 and October 15. Curb side patios will occupy on-street parking space.
4. Our annual outdoor patio activity fee is applied to the Right of Way Activity Operating Budget, and generates approximately \$14,000/year.
5. While the patio program is managed by the BIA, the fee is invoiced by the City similar to a ROWA permit.

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## **ANALYSIS**

6. Patio season runs from April 15<sup>th</sup> to October 15<sup>th</sup>, however due to the construction on Dunlop Street, between Mulcaster Street and Toronto Street, the patio season for the businesses within the construction area will be shortened or not permitted at all in 2020.
7. By waiving the patio fees in 2020 and 2021, the City of Barrie is showing their continued support, encouraging the public to visit and explore the downtown area during construction, as well as post construction as the downtown businesses leverage the new streetscape.
8. Businesses will still be required to complete the Patio Application and meet all conditions and requirements outlined in the Downtown Patios Conditions document, as amended.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL MATTERS**

9. There are no environmental matters related to the recommendation.

## **ALTERNATIVES**

10. The following alternative is available for consideration by General Committee:

**Alternative #1** Council could maintain the existing Outdoor Patio Application fee.

This alternative is not recommended due to the shortened patio season and general impact due to construction activity. This alternative may deter businesses from installing patios and incurring the cost of the full application fee plus the lease rate for the shortened season.

## **FINANCIAL**

11. Waiving the Outdoor Patio Fee will result in lost revenues of approximately \$14,000 per year for 2020 and 2021.

## **LINKAGE TO 2018-2022 STRATEGIC PLAN**

12. The recommendations included in this Staff Report supports the following goal identified in the 2018-2022 Strategic Plan:  
 Growing our Economy
13. The recommendations included in this Staff Report supports Growing our Economy as it promotes local businesses in the downtown area.