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**Subject:** [EXTERNAL] Re: please add to Council agenda Seasonal Outdoor Patios

Please add to the Council agenda with permission.

Dear Members of Council,

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[Zoning By-law Amendment - Seasonal Outdoor Patios](#)

The reason there are patio capacity limits is because patios are loud and disturb area residents. It is the same reason why police break-up large student parties. Capacity limits are placed on patios across jurisdictions so there is no mystery as to why they are needed. Voices of people are loud, and the flood of patio guests into neighbourhoods late at night is also disturbing to area residents. Plain and simple.

Police also have problems hearing disturbances on the street and on patios if too loud and if too crowded patio patrons do not see or hear people in distress. Other jurisdictions also require seating for every patio patron otherwise capacity limits cannot be enforced. Stand-up patios cannot be enforced because it requires 'counting people' to meet capacity limits.

Residents are tired of the complete disregard of their interests and well-being from this Council when making decisions. Current councillors are suburban-minded and perhaps have never experienced urban living and don't know how to live together. This is a city of 400,000 with a horse and buggy mentality.

Staff have presented a new by-law that meets all the criteria from provincial standards including the building code. Capacity is limited to protect residents and you are wrong about indoor dining on hot days. Many people prefer indoor dining because it is air conditioned.

It is a small-minded town that cannot balance business with residents' needs. Balance is urban living in a nutshell.

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