

Public Consultation Summary – Outdoor Eating and Drinking Areas

Response	Number of Responses	Issues Identified
<i>I support this proposal</i>	10	
<i>Accept if one or two features were different</i>	5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed permitted seating capacities are too low • Cleanliness of patios should be monitored • Perimeter fencing should be required • Noise and smoking concerns • Parking concerns
<i>Completely opposed</i>	2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Proposed permitted seating capacities are too low
<i>No Answer/Other</i>	1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Accessibility issues due to encroaching patios

1. Issue: Proposed permitted seating capacities are too low

Administration's Response: The proposal provides permitted seating capacities for Outdoor Eating and Drinking Areas in commercial and industrial zones to ensure they fit within the context of their neighbourhoods. Applications that request more than the permitted seating capacity will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis through the discretionary use process. The City will collect discretionary use data to refine the appropriate seating capacity over time, while providing the City and residents with time to test and adapt to mixed use and intensification.

2. Issue: Cleanliness of patios should be monitored

Administration's Response: Monitoring the cleanliness of Outdoor Eating and Drinking Areas is beyond the scope of the Zoning Bylaw. The Community Standards Bylaw addresses many maintenance and nuisance concerns. Outdoor Eating and Drinking Areas are subject to Visual Screening and Buffering requirements which are already in place in the Zoning Bylaw.

3. Issue: Perimeter fencing should be required

Administration's Response: Outdoor Eating and Drinking Areas are subject to the existing Visual Screening and Buffering requirements of Eating and Drinking Areas. Screening Outdoor Eating and Drinking Area from public spaces would counter the goal of this amendment.

4. Issue: Noise and smoking concerns

Administration's Response: Outdoor Eating and Drinking Areas are subject to existing Visual Screening and Buffering Requirements of Eating and Drinking Areas. Concerns regarding noise and smoking are addressed through the *Noise Abatement Bylaw* and the *Smoking Bylaw*.

5. Issue: Parking concerns

Administration's Response: Outdoor Eating and Drinking Areas are most likely to be used during pleasant weather and when people are more likely to access a destination by walking or cycling. For these reasons, the existing parking requirements for the restaurant are expected to be adequate for Outdoor Eating and Drinking Areas.

6. Issue: Accessibility issues due to encroaching patios

Administration's Response: The *Building Code* and *Fire Code* address accessibility and egress regulations.