

OUTDOOR PATIO EXTENSION OR MODIFICATION

The Ontario government through the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) is allowing restaurants and bars to temporarily extend outdoor patio spaces to safely accommodate patrons and staff once licensed establishments are permitted to fully reopen for business. This action will help support hospitality sector workers and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 outbreak.

As a result of a regulation change, licensed establishments may create a patio adjacent to their premise or increase the size of their patio once they are permitted to welcome patrons on-site. This temporary measure will allow the public to safely enjoy service that meets social distancing requirements and other public health guidelines.

While the Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) will not require licensees to apply or pay a fee for these temporary extensions, licensed establishments must ensure they have municipal approval and meet all other applicable requirements. These measures will be in effect until January 1, 2021 at 3:00 a.m.

The Township strongly supports this initiative and are committed to reviewing these modifications and providing comment. In order for us to review your extension we will need the following information.

- 1. A copy of their current AGCO approval indicating approved occupant loads.
- 2. A sketch is required to confirm the following
 - the location of the new patio location on the property
 - a layout of the patio which includes the tables and seating arrangements
 - the occupant load of the patio extension
 - location and widths of exits from the patio enclosure

Please submit this information to the building department at services@puslinch.ca. Once received we are committed to reviewing your application in a timely manner. When approved a site inspection may be required to confirm the completion of the patio extension.

If you have any questions regarding these applications please contact Angie Zmija at azmija@puslinch.ca