

## Council Memorandum

<b>Date:</b>	March 8, 2022
<b>To:</b>	Council
<b>From:</b>	Mayor Letham
<b>Re:</b>	Waiving of Patio Fees for 2022

### Recommendation

That the Memorandum from Mayor Letham **regarding the waiving of patio fees for 2022**, be received;

**That** permit fees for patios in 2022 be waived;

**That** By-Law 2018-234, being the By-Law to establish and require payment of fees in the City of Kawartha Lakes, be amended to waive the permit fees for patios 2022 and be brought forward to Council for adoption; and

**That** these recommendations be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

### Rationale

According to the Ontario Restaurant, Hotel & Motel Association, hospitality businesses were the first to experience the negative impact of the COVID-19 outbreak and will be among the last to recover. Rotating lockdowns and reduced service capacities have resulted in many of our restaurants operating at a deficit. Council has doubled its budget for 50/50 funds this year to assist our community groups; we have also waived the community contribution requirement. It is our hope, that this gesture will assist our restaurants getting back to business as usual in 2022. As our tourism levels slowly



return to pre-pandemic levels, eliminating patio fees for one year will further assist our hospitality industry in their recovery.