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# Niagara-on-the-Lake Extends Temporary Patio Program to 2025

**For Immediate Release**

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At the February 27, 2024, Council Meeting, Town Council passed the Temporary Use By-law to allow the extension of restaurant and bar patios until February 28, 2025, subject to the Town's Temporary Patio Program requirements.

The extension of the Temporary Use By-law allows for the continuation of the temporary patio program in Niagara-on-the-Lake for the 2024 season, for a maximum of 8 months, and the continued review of the program.

"The patios throughout Town truly bring a lively spirit to our streets during the spring and summer seasons, and I am happy to see this extension permitted once again," stated Lord Mayor Gary Zalepa. "On behalf of Town Council, thank you to the business owners who operate patios in Niagara-on-the-Lake and the residents and visitors who support local!"

"Town Staff reviewed the Temporary Patio Program last year and are working diligently toward conducting more research and providing recommendations for a permanent program in the future," stated Director of Community and Development Services Kirsten McCauley. "Thank you to Town Staff for their efforts in the review of this program."

The application process opened on March 1, 2024, and remains free of charge for the 2024 season. Business owners can apply to renew an existing permit, or apply for a new Temporary Patio Permit, as applicable, at <http://www.notl.com/business-development/temporary-patio-program>. Town Staff are happy to assist businesses through this process and answer any questions. Please call 905-468-3266 or email [info@notl.com](mailto:info@notl.com) to request assistance.

Please note that the Town is not accepting new patio permit applications for food and/or drink establishments along Queen Street for the 2024 season. Only renewals of previously issued patio permits for food and/or drink establishments on Queen Street will be considered by the Town for the 2024 season.

As noted, Town Staff are continuing to review the Patio Program to create a permanent program for Seasonal Patios. Comments and suggestions on our Patio Program are welcome and can be provided by email at [info@notl.com](mailto:info@notl.com).

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