

# AURORA'S OUTDOOR PATIO PROGRAM

## ■ PATIO FACT SHEET

The Town of Aurora has prepared an updated patio extension and new patio fact sheet for 2021 to help support restaurants and bars to temporarily extend outdoor patio spaces to safely accommodate patrons and staff once licensed establishments are permitted to fully reopen again for business.

The Alcohol and Gaming Commission of Ontario (AGCO) in an effort to support businesses as they work to recover from the COVID-19 pandemic, the AGCO is authorizing eligible "By the Glass" licenses to temporarily extend or add a temporary physical extension of their licensed premises, until January 1, 2022 at 3 a.m.

### ■ TOWN OF AURORA PATIO EXTENSION AND NEW PATIO REQUIREMENTS

The Town will review all patio applications and design concepts from businesses to ensure universal accessibility, public safety (including fire and separation from traffic) and the streetscape experience is enhanced and not negatively impacted by the introduction or extension of a patio. All applications are required to comply with the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA).

For restaurants and bars seeking to extend or create new patio space, the Town of Aurora requires the submission of a Site Plan Exemption Application that includes a scaled plan that shows the following:

- Location and dimensions of patio
- Setbacks of patio to buildings and property lines
- Location of existing buildings/structures on site include entrances/exits
- Patio fencing details (materials, height and locations for entrance/exit)
- Furniture and fixture placement within patio, if possible
- Aisle widths within the patio
- Location of parking, pedestrian and drive aisles on site – dimensions may be required if patio encroaches into any of these areas
- Copy of Liquor License
- Provide photos of the space (optional)

The Town is waving the application fee for site plan exemptions for patio expansions.

Form:

<https://www.aurora.ca/en/news/resources/COVID-19/Business-Support-for-COVID-19/Site-Plan-Exemption-Patio---Online-Form-1-005.pdf>

If zoning regulations cannot be complied with, a minor variance through the Committee of Adjustment will be required. The Town is waving the application fee for minor variances for patio expansions.

<https://www.aurora.ca/en/business-and-development/committee-of-adjustment.aspx>

### ■ YONGE STREET SIDEWALK PATIOS

Restaurants and bars along Yonge Street that would like to expand or create patio space onto the sidewalk they will need to enter into an encroachment agreement with the Town and will also have to maintain accessibility requirements in addition to the Site Plan Exemption Application. For more information please contact [planning@aurora.ca](mailto:planning@aurora.ca).

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### ■ REQUIREMENTS FROM THE ALCOHOL AND GAMING COMMISSION (AGCO)

Eligible "By the Glass" licensees do not need to submit an application to the AGCO to extend their licensed premises for the duration of 2021, provided they meet certain requirements.

To be eligible for a temporary patio extension under the AGCO's 2021 patio policy you must have a valid "By the Glass" licence, be permitted to open for on-site consumption and must meet the criteria as set out below:

1. The physical extension of the premises is adjacent to:
  - a. the premises to which the licence to sell liquor applies; or
  - b. a dock to which the boat is attached and may include land adjacent to the dock; or
  - c. the licensed premises under the "By the Glass" licence;
2. The municipality in which the premises is situated has indicated it does not object to an extension;
3. The licensee is able to demonstrate sufficient control over the physical extension of the premises;
4. There is no condition on the licence prohibiting a patio;
5. The capacity of any temporary extension, allows for at least 1.11 square metres per person; and
6. In the case of "By the Glass" licensees, the sale and service of the wine, beer and/or spirits manufactured by the manufacturer within the physical extension of the premises is primarily aimed at promoting the manufacturer's product and either providing an enhanced tourist experience or fulfilling an educational purpose.

For more information: <https://www.agco.ca/alcohol/changes-or-additions-existing-licensed-areas>