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Town Launches New Temporary Seasonal Patio Program to Assist Businesses Impacted by Provincial Health Restrictions

(April 16, 2021 – *Ponoka, Alberta*) – The Town of Ponoka has launched a new Temporary Seasonal Patio Program to assist local businesses in setting up outdoor patios. The new program is being offered in response to recent provincial health restrictions that prohibit indoor dining due to COVID-19. Dining on outdoor patios is allowed under the current restrictions in Alberta.

“The Town is offering this new program to help our local businesses adapt so they can continue serving customers while still complying with provincial health restrictions,” said Town of Ponoka Chief Administrative Officer Sandra Lund.

Fees Waived

“The Town knows that some businesses are struggling under these health restrictions and we’re committed to doing everything we can to support local businesses during these challenging times,” said Lund. “That is why development permit fees will be waived under the new program.”

Under the program, restaurants that wish to set up a temporary seasonal patio on private or public property, such as a sidewalk, can apply to the Town’s Development Services Department by phoning 403-783-4431.

“Development Services staff will work closely with each business to guide them through the application and approval process as quickly as possible,” said Lund. “We know that setting up outdoor patios is an urgent need for some of our local businesses. The Town is committed to expediting the process for those who apply.”

Streamlined Processes

She notes the Town’s Development Services Department continues to implement a customer – first policy that ensures all business applications are handled quickly and efficiently.

Applications to the new Temporary Seasonal Patio Program will be assessed on a case-by-case basis to ensure public safety and other key factors are taken into consideration when issuing approvals. Applicants will be asked to provide details of the proposed patio.



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The temporary program will run until October 15, 2021 for patios located on public property to allow snow clearing operations to resume for the winter season.

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