



Guidelines on Seasonal Downtown Commercial Patios for the Purpose of Facilitating Food and Beverage Services

Policy	THIRD PARTY USES OF MUNICIPAL LAND AND IMPROVEMENTS
Bylaw	Fees and Rates
Application	LOC application (nanton.ca)
Principal Message	The use of a portion of Town boulevards, rights-of-way and street parking spaces may be permitted for seasonal occupation, principally for the purpose of facilitating food and beverage service patios.
Seasonal Parameters	April 1 st – September 30 th . This is to avoid problems developing around snow accumulation, removal and sidewalk safety. Structures must be removeable.
Dimension constraints	<p>The minimum safe width for a two-lane road is 20' (6.1 metres). Average car width is 1.8m (5.9 feet). Constructed patios in parking spots cannot extend into the 20' area of road.</p> <p>Pedestrians must be provided with a minimum of 5 feet (1.5m) of sidewalk or constructed boardwalk through or past the entire patio license area.</p> <p>Proposed areas cannot generally exceed the width of commercial frontage unless you are working in partnership with a neighbouring business. 20 feet length is the recommended maximum.</p>
Insurance/ Liability	\$5,000,000 liability insurance policy, naming the Town as an additional named insured. Town may require annual inspection of any temporary structures.
Other considerations	While there are no heritage-related policies or protections in place at this time in the Commercial Core, sensitivity to the facades of older buildings is strongly encouraged.

It is very unlikely, for safety reasons, that a license would be granted for a patio in a parking spot along Highway 2 or within 6 metres of a **STOP sign**.

Examples of approach



Railed licence area within sidewalk leaving sufficient area for pedestrians (5 feet/1.5m) . A constructed boardwalk may be necessary to meet this requirement.

Low impact on façade.



Unbounded licence area within sidewalk leaving sufficient area for pedestrians (5 feet/1.5m).

No impact on façade.



Railed/ bounded licence area in parking spaces leaving sufficient sidewalk width (5 feet/1.5m or greater) for pedestrians.

Patio or boardwalk cannot extend more than 6.4 feet (1.95m) toward the road centre line from the curb;

No impact on façade.