

<b>Request for Council's Consideration</b>	
<p>X <b>Included on Agenda</b> (Submitted to Municipal Clerk's Office by Noon Monday one week prior to meeting)</p> <p><b>Date of Council Meeting:</b> April 14, 2020</p> <p><b>Subject: Sidewalk Patio Placement</b></p>	
<p><b>Motion for Council to Consider:</b> That Halifax Regional Council request a staff report on amending the design criteria in the Sidewalk Patio Administrative Order to eliminate the requirement for sidewalk patios to be contiguous with the applying business.</p> <p><b>Reason:</b> The Sidewalk Patio Administrative Order requires sidewalk patios to be contiguous with the business applying for a patio license. This results in some businesses being unable to install patios because either street furniture or the street right of way doesn't leave enough space for both a patio and a seven foot temporary sidewalk. If HRM were to adopt more flexible placement criteria, however, it might be possible to have both in more instances.</p> <p>For example, on Portland Street in Downtown Dartmouth, street planters limit where temporary sidewalks can be placed, which then prevents some businesses from installing patios since they cannot provide for a 7 foot sidewalk. Other businesses are limited by not having parking spaces in front of their business to extend a temporary sidewalk into. If the placement of patio and then temporary sidewalk, however, could be reversed to sidewalk and then patio, it could be possible to install patios between planters and other street fixtures without interrupting pedestrian movement on the sidewalk.</p> <p>Non-contiguous patios would result in servers having to cross small sections of open sidewalk. Informal conversation with Alcohol and Gaming has indicated a willingness to explore more flexible patio placements, especially in situations where a contiguous patio setup isn't possible, provided that there is municipal support, and control and oversight by the licensed business is maintained.</p> <p>Allowing for non-contiguous patios would allow for more businesses to install patios, enhancing street life and bringing more economic activity to the urban core.</p> <p><b>Outcome Sought:</b> Staff recommendation report</p>	
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