

2023 Outdoor Patio Input

SURVEY RESPONSE REPORT

11 March 2022 15 February 2023

PROJECT NAME:

2023 Outdoor Patio Program



SURVEY QUESTIONS

Q11 If you could change one thing about the City's patio program, what would that be?

Anonymous

1/12/2023 03:02 PM

More attention to smooth transitions and available space around the patios and over the boardwalks (where are the trees, where are the brick inlays on the sidewalks, how hard is it to go from the sidewalk surface up the bumpy ramp and onto the boardwalk).

Anonymous

1/12/2023 03:01 PM

The board walks are very slippery when wet and can be a tripping hazard

Anonymous

1/12/2023 05:12 PM

That all restaurants/cafes could have one if they wanted. More sidewalk space, less cars!

Anonymous

1/12/2023 03:31 PM

More please! It is also set up brilliantly that the people walk around the patios rather than set out people sitting on the roadway. So much better than Toronto and other areas. A vital element of a vibrant downtown. Also fills in huge-wide Ontario St.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 03:38 PM

Bring back the art display.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 03:41 PM

no restrictions on the number of vendors

Anonymous

1/12/2023 03:39 PM

I know it is very weather dependent, but we have had great weather into the fall and patios have a take down date. It would be hard to predict but the season could be longer.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 03:46 PM

Could it be extended even further? It really adds life to the downtown.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 03:53 PM

Expand it

Anonymous

1/12/2023 03:49 PM

There would be more/bigger, potential for turning certain roads into pedestrian only for the warmer months to encourage more people to walk/eat in the downtown core.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 03:55 PM

Limit the impact on parking and make it only restaurants not cafes.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 04:05 PM

Have it that people actually know how to walk on them and not stop and block people while they are talking to friends and not have people walking and taking up the whole walkway so it's hard for other people to walk.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 04:16 PM

More

Anonymous

1/12/2023 04:42 PM

It would be nice if the no truck rule was enforced.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 04:52 PM

n/a

Anonymous

1/12/2023 05:03 PM

Dog friendly

Anonymous

1/12/2023 05:16 PM

Jesery barriers on the traffic flow end.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 05:16 PM

More tents and umbrellas

Anonymous

1/12/2023 05:21 PM

Discontinued

Anonymous

1/12/2023 05:25 PM

The patio should be where the parking spaces are and keep the sidewalks open.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 05:31 PM

As a frequent pedestrian, person with a disability and resident, I really dislike how much sidewalk space the patios take up. I would much prefer if they took up parking spaces in the downtown core.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 05:42 PM

If patios are to remain they should be made permanent with revisions to right of ways.

Anonymous

Better design, too many trip hazards. Once had dog get foot stuck in

1/12/2023 05:53 PM

cracks between curb and the wood build

Anonymous

1/12/2023 06:07 PM

The fee is astronomical for the businesses! This doesn't need to be a money grab

Anonymous

1/12/2023 06:10 PM

Nothing

Anonymous

1/12/2023 06:12 PM

Zero cost to businesses

Anonymous

1/12/2023 06:16 PM

Goes too long into the fall

Anonymous

1/12/2023 06:18 PM

Make it free to businesses.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 06:24 PM

Larger areas and less restrictions on restaurants to increase capacity outside

Anonymous

1/12/2023 06:48 PM

Make them prettier - flower baskets would be great.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:00 PM

Keep all rules consistent for all establishments as much as you can. Some having 'tents' and some umbrellas can create a confusion on what's allowed and what isn't.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:03 PM

Try and ensure that the people who get them, use them. Seems sad to see a patio and the business is always closed. Seems like a waste of resources.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:18 PM

Give owners a break on fees

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:17 PM

Longer season

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:19 PM

Continue program

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Earlier start, in spring later finish by in fall. Allow overhead awnings and shade coverings if restaurants wish to put up more roof type structures/awnings

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:27 PM

Restaurants take reservations for patios

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:34 PM

The city trying to push back about it

Anonymous

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Not safe when walking around the railings with dogs, should have a railing at the bottom. Dogs (and likely small children) can easily walk into traffic. Mercer Hall has the most safety concerns. I've seen tourists fall into the flower bed.

Anonymous

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Use of full parking spots. These businesses already pay significant taxes

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:35 PM

More space for seating on the patios.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:38 PM

No fees required

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:44 PM

There should be more of them

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:44 PM

Add more, make streets accessible to pedestrians people can find parking and walk a bit

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:44 PM

Add more trees

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:02 PM

Spacing of tables

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:01 PM

Remove parking downtown (Ontario) make it all patio and walkways

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:04 PM

Give different options for parking

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:08 PM

I love the patio options in Stratford. It's a benefit of covid that should stay. I love walking downtown and seeing friends enjoying the patios. It's a happy spot for a summer get together.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:17 PM

Begin 2 weeks earlier and end 2 weeks later

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1/12/2023 08:23 PM

More of them

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:32 PM

The city needs to creat more outdoor patio spaces. They help bring a sense of culture, vibe and life to the community. They should be located on streets and or roof tops. Turn the area behind downtown, where the LCBO is, into an outdoor dining area.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:31 PM

More heaters

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:33 PM

Nothing

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:32 PM

Patio extension

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:42 PM

Fees should cover cost of lost parking revenue

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:41 PM

More space

Anonymous

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Can reserve tables

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:45 PM

Have it longer

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:51 PM

We definitely should keep it. It really is Benefical

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:54 PM

Less traffic, more patios.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:59 PM

It was beneficial during the lockdowns for local businesses but, it is no longer necessary. It was an inconvenience for locals and tourists.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:57 PM

Change nothing - I enjoy Stratford and the patios (I grew up in Stratford and visit often)

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:01 PM

Better walkway outside Mercer's.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:01 PM

They were well done and should continue

Anonymous

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None

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:04 PM

Na

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:19 PM

Make sure they walkways are not built through gardens and wood chips as this is not accessible for all. Observed this a lot on Ontario St last year specifically outside of Mercer.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:19 PM

That owners do not need to fight this battle every season! It requires a substantial investment to have one. So let them continue without the constant political fight!

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:23 PM

Bigger !

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:25 PM

More art and flowers should be incorporates into the pedestrian by passes.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:25 PM

Extend to winter with heaters

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:36 PM

This isn't a change but an encouraging push to continue with allowing these patio policies. Please don't eliminate or reduce the patio options. In our beautiful home town it has been a great bright light to come from COVID 19.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:27 PM

More lights and music

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:29 PM

Extend it. The nice weather starts in May, not just when the tourists arrive! And we don't plow snow till November

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:38 PM

To add more spots

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:39 PM

More, more. The city has become so much more vibrant with more patios

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:41 PM

Bigger seating spaces to allow for strollers / wheelchairs etc.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:41 PM

Keep the patios going

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:54 PM

None existent. Takes up much needed parking spaces.

Anonymous

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Stop it

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:57 PM

Add MORE!

Anonymous

1/12/2023 10:02 PM

Expand it!

Anonymous

1/12/2023 10:10 PM

Nothing

Anonymous

1/12/2023 10:08 PM

More of them

Anonymous

1/12/2023 10:09 PM

extend the season

Anonymous

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Larger patios.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 10:12 PM

More patios

Anonymous

1/12/2023 10:16 PM

If it helps our business do better continue the program.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 10:15 PM

Keep it going, brings a European feel with social factors.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 10:19 PM

Remove it. People need parking.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 10:24 PM

taking up sidewalk space

Anonymous

1/12/2023 10:27 PM

Nothing the restaurants and bars do an incredible job setting the

Anonymous

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It should cost business owners less. I'm a server at a restaurant.
Customers are always say how cheap

Anonymous

1/12/2023 11:18 PM

noi take up parking spots.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 11:23 PM

Less expensive for business owner

Anonymous

1/12/2023 11:55 PM

Nothing, restaurants need that space and as a customers who loves
to use those spaces, I feel Stratford has a lot of parking that is
accessible.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:25 AM

Allow fewer cars driving by the patios.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 02:17 AM

Make downtown walking only, no cars

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:54 AM

Nothing

Anonymous

1/13/2023 05:43 AM

don't use it it takes up parking spaces

Anonymous

1/13/2023 05:56 AM

Not interrupt parking

Anonymous

1/13/2023 06:21 AM

Add more patios

Anonymous

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The business should cover some of the lost parking revenue.
Something nominal, not ridiculous.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:05 AM

Nothing! Love the extended patios!,

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:04 AM

Keep doing it!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:13 AM

More seating on market square, look at Europe for more patio ideas.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:11 AM

Additional parking spaces downtown need to be created to replace
those lost to patio walk around a.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:22 AM

Allow the business to open as soon as the weather is good, i.e.
danger of needing to plow is gone. As well allow them to have
heaters on the patios for the fringe seasons, early spring later fall.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:43 AM

It's not possible but I wish we didn't lose so much parking.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:45 AM

Get rid of the wooden platforms. If the sidewalk has enough room to
provide a patio along with pedestrian traffic, allow it. If not, then do
not allow it.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:01 AM

They take up parking which is needed and often chairs and tables overflow into pedestrian area. Flower baskets hang over where we are to walk and for mobility issues the change in walking surface constantly is a tripping hazard.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:58 AM

Free or lower cost for businesses

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:06 AM

Remove roadblocks and recognize that the outdoor patio program is a win for everyone. Adopt a more European like policy where all kinds of outdoor space can be used for patios

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:14 AM

If you can add more. Everyone loves to sit outside!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:15 AM

Have the seating in the parking areas and keep City sidewalks open for pedestrian use.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:24 AM

Be expanded both in sq footage and length of availability.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:42 AM

More of them!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:41 AM

Let it stay longer. So many beautiful days at the end we couldn't enjoy

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:57 AM

Turn those parking spaces into Handicap parking instead of walkways.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:09 AM

Don't charge a fee. It's an arbitrary number that only takes money from businesses that are already struggling

Anonymous

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Get rid of the patio extensions. Uses too many parking spots.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:19 AM

More patios

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:20 AM

More of them!!

Anonymous

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Parking is an issue for sure - building a parking garage somewhere close to downtown would be very helpful

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:39 AM

Nothing. I think the patios are great for all parties - residents, businesses, and tourists!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:53 AM

There definately should be more parking downtown. Parking garage with daypasses and monthly passes for employees and residents. It shouldnt be a fight for business owners, residents, employees or tourists.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:54 AM

Earlier in the year gor starting g it.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:59 AM

Keep the patios each and every summer to allow for the great experience of the patios

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:02 AM

nothing, i am an immunocompromised individual, who appreciates the ability to eat outside, and not gathered together with potentially infected people..actually, I wont dine indoors anymore

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:00 AM

Offer larger patios to businesses

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:59 AM

Don't use them

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:04 AM

Please ensure all are wheelchair accessible. Please also develop a city wide feeding ban to stop feeding of wildlife.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:03 AM

Ensure patios are accessible. Tables are often too close together

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:04 AM

I'm fine with it the way it is

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:03 AM

None

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:04 AM

That more places have it! It's amazing in the summer, makes the city feel more alive.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:05 AM

Cost for participating vendors.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:07 AM

Either all restaurants pay or they all get it free

Anonymous

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Nothing, we love it. It would be nice if it was easy and affordable for restaurants to do without additional headache and red tape. Restaurants are still trying to recover from covid.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:14 AM

Make it free so that more businesses could participate

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:12 AM

Bigger patios and extended restaurant hours

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:13 AM

Nothing I think it's a great program

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:19 AM

Make it year round. Slow down the traffic

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:26 AM

The patio spaces would be bigger to allow more patrons to enjoy them.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:24 AM

nothing. It works great.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:26 AM

Allow larger areas to be designated as patio

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:26 AM

Don't charge the business so much

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:30 AM

nothing. Great !

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:37 AM

Patio space should NOT be granted to businesses which border the triangle of city hall. The reason I say this is that we have an absolutely FABULOUS market square which has an amazing group of picnic tables for outdoor dining.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:40 AM

The more patios the better! The City is abuzz when people are out dining and residents and visitors alike are enjoying all downtown has to offer!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:37 AM

Make them even bigger

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:41 AM

Close wellington street to the lcbo. Make that entire street patios. Or Close half of it and make it 1 way, leaving the other half for patios.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:51 AM

Eliminate them as they cause a major parking loss and the board walkways are very slippery when it rains

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:48 AM

More of it

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:02 AM

better signage to direct customers wishing to park in spots that have been taken up by patios to alternate parking options such as the downtown lots including the Cooper lot. The restaurants that benefit from these patios should pay for them .

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:59 AM

Add more establishments to the program

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:09 AM

In fairness to good corporate citizens and businesses who comply I think that there should be uniformity in the program. No you can't set up huge cement blocks on the street and call that a patio or get special perks while other businesses comply.while

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:08 AM

perhaps better visual and noise barricades on the busy city streets

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:09 AM

Lower cost to businesses who are already struggling from inflation, understaffing and still recovering from COVID

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:10 AM

Make it free for businesses! We need this!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:20 AM

I wouldn't gouge the restaurants involved in it, keep the cost reasonable

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:12 AM

More of them.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:51 AM

Nothing! The patios are a great addition to downtown Stratford during the summer season

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:27 AM

Allow more of them

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:35 AM

None of the patios should overtake downtown gardens, as Mercer Hall did this past summer. Wood chips were put down but those got kicked around and looked unsightly. They also take up parking which Stratford continues to need as tourism increases.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:40 AM

More of them, they add to downtown

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:48 AM

patio full length of parking spots on Ontario st. From Downie st. to Waterloo st.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:52 AM

The businesses be allowed to adorn the front of the patio sidewalk railing with their branding.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:07 PM

I would like to see licensed outdoor cafes on the market square too.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:23 PM

that is started earlier and ran later

Anonymous

The fact that you charge business trying to survey a ridiculous

1/13/2023 12:12 PM

amount to participate so you can recoup your insane parking revenue.
You want tourists and residents to support downtown but you hose
business and people with parking charges

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:14 PM

Have even more during the summer months

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:22 PM

I think the patios enhance summer visitors' (and locals as well)
experience our city. The loss of parking spaces, however, is a
concern when I have business to conduct downtown. I don't know
what the solution is.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:14 PM

There shouldn't be any cost to participating restaurants for the patios.
The benefits of the patios far out weighs the missed parking spots.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:30 PM

Allow businesses outside the downtown core to participate.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:21 PM

I would I would like to see Downie St between Ontario and Albert
closer to traffic and used for outdoor patios for all restaurants to use.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:36 PM

For years of experience in cities like Halifax, Charlottetown, Bayfield
etc...our local family and friends often discussed the NEED for
outdoor dining experiences. European cities don't let the parking
limitations dictate rich life experiences.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:28 PM

They should be able to block off the sides when the weather isn't as
nice.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:45 PM

The boardwalks become quite slippery when wet, so some kind of
grip should be added to ensure safety during and after rain.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:39 PM

-offer free parking during time when spots are taken up by patio
extensions

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:41 PM

Nothing. Patios are well cared for, maintained a d decorated with
flowers, lights etcetera. Brings such a lovely and lively presence to
the downtown. Makes me want to dine out more often.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:41 PM

More of them and reduced fees for already overburdened venues

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:43 PM

Allowing dogs

Anonymous

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Just that the patios don't infringe on their neighbours outdoor space causing that business to be overlooked or overshadowed by patio items blocking signage, windows, and window shopping space in front of neighbouring shops.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:52 PM

Using valuable parking spaces in the downtown core is my biggest concern.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:49 PM

Remove patio extensions and make parking spaces available

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:54 PM

Safety. Multiple times (at least 5 different incidents) there were people that tripped and smashed their face with lots of blood. Love the patios but do not love having people trip and cut their face open.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:28 PM

Nothing.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:01 PM

Extended the season & fund for heaters on patios, residents are here longer than festival goers!!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:02 PM

Several patios were put up last summer and then they were not used

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:03 PM

No take up valuable downtown spaces

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:08 PM

More shade available

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:14 PM

Works great

Anonymous

More patios! The more the better.

1/13/2023 01:10 PM

Anonymous

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It was great when the restaurants couldn't serve customers in-doors during COVID. Now the patio program should not take up parking spaces.

Anonymous

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Some restaurants packed tables into the patios a little too tight

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:20 PM

Make it available for all establishment instead of just downtown core. Other businesses in Stratford spent a lot of money on tables and set up during covid but city only seems concerned about downtown area. Fees are way too expensive for businesses

Anonymous

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All downtown parking spaces are needed to make visiting the downtown easier.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:30 PM

wider sidewalk walkways

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:34 PM

No need for it

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:38 PM

Have more restaurants participate!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:38 PM

Nothing. We need this.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:40 PM

Think Paris! A place that has multiple patios

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:45 PM

Allow more of them!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:53 PM

Ensure better sun protection/shade consistently among patios.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:48 PM

Happen every season permanently

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:51 PM

That we didn't need to be surveyed in order to keep them,

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:54 PM

I love having the patios & think it adds such a vibrant friendly feel to our community.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 02:54 PM

The fees should be lower. Set up & take down fees yes. However other fees should not exist when many are still struggling. Covid is not over.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:59 PM

More

Anonymous

1/13/2023 02:06 PM

Appropriate fees should be charged for use of the much needed parking spaces for the season as well as the additional seats that a restaurant can operate on public sidewalk. The current fees charged seem to be quite low related to the benefit received

Anonymous

1/13/2023 02:11 PM

Nothing - more outdoor patio spots- the better

Anonymous

1/13/2023 02:15 PM

Extend it

Anonymous

1/13/2023 02:25 PM

I would be great if we had more space to expand the patios. Who doesnt enjoy sitting out on a patio on a warm summer day!

Anonymous

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Add handicapped parking spaces close to the outdoor patios

Anonymous

1/13/2023 02:33 PM

More affordable to businesses.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 02:33 PM

Extend the season

Anonymous

1/13/2023 02:43 PM

Further beautify the wooden walkways with additional plants/flowers and art work.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 02:46 PM

nothing, I think its mutually beneficial. Some establishments don't have enough seating in the warmer months. This definitely helps!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:02 PM

There should be more!!!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 02:59 PM

More music outside stores ti draw attention to themselves. Everyone with a different type of music on can gather a lot if customers.

Anonymous

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Make them even larger

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:13 PM

The issue of reduced parking during an already high traffic time

Anonymous

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Continue to offer parking spots to patios and provide a shuttle service from an area outside the downtown core.

Anonymous

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Easy applying and less fee for the patio application

Anonymous

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Taxpayer should not have to subsidize. City should recover full costs from the businesses that benefit from the program.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:29 PM

allow for canopys over top of the patios

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:31 PM

Don't make it so difficult. It attracts people period. People generate money and sustainability. Parkings not the problem it's the funds and fees. Support business in the core to continue to bloom or our core will die.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:56 PM

BUMPOUTS! It is unfair to neighbouring businesses when the size of bumpouts extends past the property line. It directs foot traffic beyond the immediately neighbouring business. We strongly believe the size of bumpouts should not cross the property line.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:37 PM

Have them up longer!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:39 PM

MORE!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:41 PM

Expand it

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:51 PM

Not taking up valuable parking spots

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:50 PM

Somehow sound proof

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:49 PM

More patios available to sit at.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:51 PM

A bit more advertising to know which restaurants to frequent.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:54 PM

The only concern I had was about the traffic noise particularly on Ontario Str. Could anything be done to help with this?

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:59 PM

Can't think of anything. It's perfect the way it is

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:02 PM

I would allow larger patio spaces

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:12 PM

Move the seated patio's to the boardwalk area, leaving the majority of the sidewalk to the pedestrians.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:16 PM

Would like to see more natural plantings particularly in the Square, it can feel rather barren with CR Plastics tables/umbrellas alone. More planters along York St. and better use of adjacent areas, i.e. around the cenotaph/area opposite bandshell

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:22 PM

Increase access for those busnissess with small or no patio space. Expand on what is there.

Anonymous

If you are taking up parking spaces the downtown core should also be

1/13/2023 04:26 PM

offering free parking for the other businesses that are not able to "take up spots"

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:28 PM

I wouldn't change it. Seeing the patios as I drive into town makes the city look alive. I enjoy seeing people enjoying food, water, beer in the designated areas

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:29 PM

Cover the patios and make them more appealing

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:33 PM

No.dogs allowed on the patio.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:43 PM

Nothing it's awesome

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:46 PM

More sun coverage- the intense summer heat can make outdoor dining uncomfortable

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:52 PM

Nothing

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:58 PM

Reduce number of spaces taken by the Hub

Anonymous

1/13/2023 05:13 PM

Larger spaces

Anonymous

1/13/2023 05:22 PM

That they didn't have to take up valued parking or that we had stacked parking in the Erie St Lot.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 05:29 PM

a fee structure which acknowledges the difference between restaurants with alcohol sales and full meal service over those who are smaller shops with less seating and who do not offer alcohol sales. The proposed fee structure is advantageous to some.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 05:23 PM

More patios, less parking. More pedestrian areas.

Anonymous

That it wouldn't take up parking spaces

1/13/2023 05:26 PM

Anonymous

Possibly allow enclosures for inclement weather

1/13/2023 05:36 PM

Anonymous

More overhead coverage of patio area ie: portable umbrellas

1/13/2023 05:34 PM

Anonymous

Have more places participate

1/13/2023 05:37 PM

Anonymous

I would expand it even more. Nothing better than eating outside for tourists and locals. The more space the better.

1/13/2023 05:48 PM

Anonymous

Keep the cost minimal for businesses. They are at the heart of this community and should be supported this way.

1/13/2023 05:53 PM

Anonymous

More seating.

1/13/2023 05:57 PM

Anonymous

Nothing

1/13/2023 06:01 PM

Anonymous

Better safety signage for visual impaired

1/13/2023 06:06 PM

Anonymous

I would like the patios to stay open longer into the Fall. Already shut down when there were beautiful weekends to sit out in October.

1/13/2023 06:07 PM

Anonymous

That everyone who wishes to be involved with this program can be.

1/13/2023 06:24 PM

Anonymous

That the rules are followed. There are establishments that utilize more than their allotted space, crowd people in, to close to pedestrians, etc.

1/13/2023 06:29 PM

Anonymous

Nothing - loved it

1/13/2023 06:45 PM

Anonymous

I love the patio program. I love the vibrancy it brings to the downtown

1/13/2023 06:46 PM

core.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 06:43 PM

Make it easier to get the best deals

Anonymous

1/13/2023 06:47 PM

Make the cost lower for the businesses

Anonymous

1/13/2023 06:48 PM

Nothing

Anonymous

1/13/2023 06:54 PM

Open year round

Anonymous

1/13/2023 06:58 PM

more of them

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:02 PM

Have more of them.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:17 PM

Add more

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:25 PM

Provide more options for businesses to have them.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:36 PM

Ensure that it's affordable for all business!!! A great addition to our downtown!!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:40 PM

Shade please.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:48 PM

Restaurants could have patios but not out front on sidewalks. I don't like walking down the sidewalks with all those people sitting in patios. I don't like seeing people eating. I don't like people staring at me. I'd rather have the parking spaces.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:57 PM

We need more! We pay so much on taxes to beautify our city, and there are few places to enjoy outdoor dining during the patio months!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:59 PM

Roof top, or not at all.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:04 PM

More sunshine please :P

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:12 PM

Look

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:24 PM

More! Stratford had too few patios for far to long.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:28 PM

Offer more of them

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:30 PM

Nothing

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:34 PM

Works great as is. Lots of seating. Pedestrians can walk around it. It's great to be outside in the downtown

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:32 PM

Add lights!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:49 PM

Do not limit parking, it is hard enough to find a spot

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:03 PM

More of them

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:04 PM

Nothing

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:09 PM

City does need more parking. I believe the patios are good for the businesses and people like to go because of the patios in nice weather - so there needs to be solution A keep patios and provide more city parking.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:19 PM

I think the ones that take up space in market square make going there for events more difficult. I think the onea on ontario street work better because they are more places to park and parking on ontario is

so awkward anyways.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:18 PM

Make them bigger

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:32 PM

Longer season through heaters etc for locals to enjoy after tourist season

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:00 PM

Statigically close some streets in the downtown core on the weekend

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:58 PM

No big trucks in centre during the day.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:07 PM

Outdoor patios NEED to be supervised ! And monitored as a resident of downtown Stratford it is disturbing the amount of illegal activity that goes on . The NOISE is everyday all day all through into the night .

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:15 PM

Keep them longer into the season

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:24 PM

Keep this as the norm.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:29 PM

That it is as t so expensive for the smaller businesses. It should be free.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:42 PM

Don't take up parking

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:47 PM

Not eliminate parking spaces

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:20 PM

Have more of them

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:30 PM

More if possible.

Anonymous
1/13/2023 11:39 PM

If anything make it attainable, affordable to all restaurant business owners downtown

Anonymous
1/13/2023 11:42 PM

Keep the sidewalks free and put the patios on the extensions like other cities do

Anonymous
1/14/2023 12:01 AM

Longer hours

Anonymous
1/14/2023 12:04 AM

Longer season!!...add heaters!

Anonymous
1/14/2023 12:05 AM

Allow more patio seating for all restaurants

Anonymous
1/14/2023 12:15 AM

Beautify the patio extensions. They were built quickly in 2020.

Anonymous
1/14/2023 12:14 AM

The city should shut down downtown on weekends to pedestrians only

Anonymous
1/14/2023 02:05 AM

All patio's be on the sidewalks with added sidewalks foe the season. No restaurants getting away with tables in parking spaces and pedestrians walking om tbe sidewalk through servers carrying food.

Anonymous
1/14/2023 02:21 AM

The extension in front of Mercer needs a permanent fix so that people are not walking through wood chips. It looks

Anonymous
1/14/2023 02:13 AM

Get trucks to use truck routes!

Anonymous
1/14/2023 02:58 AM

That it not happen. There isn't enough parking already.

Anonymous
1/14/2023 05:43 AM

Nothing

Anonymous
1/14/2023 07:12 AM

Limit the number of them to balance with parking. I'd make it more expensive so that those businesses that truly want it and help with profitability do it. No sense having empty or underserved patios taking

up parking spaces.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 07:17 AM

Not to take up parking

Anonymous

1/14/2023 07:32 AM

Offering it to more businesses, having outdoor/indoor space is a game changer for small businesses

Anonymous

1/14/2023 07:35 AM

Expand seating areas into park and river and market square space

Anonymous

1/14/2023 08:00 AM

More patios

Anonymous

1/14/2023 08:06 AM

Heaters for longer season like they do in the Nordics

Anonymous

1/14/2023 08:18 AM

More seating

Anonymous

1/14/2023 08:25 AM

Expand it

Anonymous

1/14/2023 08:31 AM

Add more seating.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 08:35 AM

Nothing

Anonymous

1/14/2023 08:37 AM

How long it goes - they're in place until nearly the end of October and they could really come down much sooner with our weather

Anonymous

1/14/2023 08:41 AM

Make it a permanent summer feature. Stop doing surveys. It makes the town vibrant & tourist friendly.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 08:47 AM

Increased planting/landscape/lighting

Anonymous

The outdoor patios are a huge asset to the downtown Stratford

1/14/2023 09:08 AM

experience from the spring to the fall. Ensure that the level of fees charged to businesses is fair to help sustain the program.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:00 AM

Increase the cost.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 08:57 AM

Better arrangements for pedestrians

Anonymous

1/14/2023 08:59 AM

Less of them

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:05 AM

I would change nothing.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:05 AM

They're slippery when wet

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:15 AM

Extend the entire season of it (something like May - Nov)

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:15 AM

Make sure the restaurants that put out a patio has minimum hours they need to operate

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:19 AM

That it is fair for all and that the guidelines and regulations are met by all participating.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:26 AM

An option for all businesses serving food/drinks

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:40 AM

My only concern is how some pedestrian traffic exiting the sidewalk is forced to cross flower bed areas. I have mobility issues and have tripped and stumbled on uneven ground. Please extend the wood sidewalk to cover these areas, too.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:31 AM

More of it?

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:36 AM

All the above experiences are excellent! Why are the options only poor, somewhat poor and neutral? Surely better options were missed!

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:44 AM

That they were allowed all year round. Since we are not making businesses clean their indoor air, restaurants are not safe for all. Letting patios stay open in winter (with an additional fee) that allows immunocompromised or those w/long Covid to eat out.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:39 AM

Detour noisy traffic eg loud idiotic cars and motorcycles that feel they must speed down the streets...trucks aren't too bad however this year with the truck bypass being forced due to road work it made the sitting outside experience much more enjoyable..

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:52 AM

nothing

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:48 AM

Permanent Patios

Anonymous

1/14/2023 10:00 AM

The cost to the business... there shouldn't be a fee...

Anonymous

1/14/2023 10:25 AM

All good

Anonymous

1/14/2023 10:28 AM

More attention paid to aesthetics.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 10:35 AM

Reduce cost to businesses

Anonymous

1/14/2023 10:33 AM

more beautification: plants, flowers etc.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 10:39 AM

None, it's a perfect addition to our downtown core.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 10:43 AM

Add more and larger spaces. Eliminate on street parking and direct drivers to parking lots.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 10:43 AM

I love the patios yet I feel strongly that the restaurants should carry the costs associated with them.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 10:41 AM

Nothing

Anonymous

1/14/2023 10:53 AM

That they don't take up parking

Anonymous

1/14/2023 10:52 AM

Open later

Anonymous

1/14/2023 11:05 AM

Remove them

Anonymous

1/14/2023 11:24 AM

Less of a hazard and takes no parking spaces

Anonymous

1/14/2023 11:49 AM

Better customer service

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:04 PM

Adding more!

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:07 PM

Market square should be an area where food and drink may be consumed from downtown businesses without special occasion permits.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:27 PM

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:39 PM

Some minor signage on each patio that links them as a city supported program e.g. "Approved Patio from date to date" thereby projecting an integrated community.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:57 PM

More! Pedestrian road closures!

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:56 PM

Cost to businesses could be prohibitive. Let's support our amazing local restaurants. They've been through so much during Covid trying to survive. Let's make it easier in them, not harder!

Anonymous

1/14/2023 01:04 PM

There is too much inconvenience to losing precious parking spots in relation to how much outdoor eating spaces are actually created. I would rather have the parking. '

Anonymous

1/14/2023 01:19 PM

I would cancel it

Anonymous

1/14/2023 01:42 PM

I prefer outdoor dining, it offers patrons more options. An outdoor patio reminds me of outdoor dining in Europe.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 01:44 PM

We'd to walk safely around the patio when it encroaches on sidewalk. Perfect example is the patio at Mercer Hall. Need to walk through muddy unlandscaped former city "garden" area to get around it. Annoying, Looked dreadful,parti safe.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 01:49 PM

Allow parallel parking along patio extensions and city hall cut outs

Anonymous

1/14/2023 01:49 PM

That we have more! I loved the roadway patios next to the city square in 2021, very sorry they didn't happen last summer. It made summer feel like an outdoor festival.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 01:51 PM

No music

Anonymous

1/14/2023 01:56 PM

Don't charge restaurants. Give them more time to recover

Anonymous

1/14/2023 02:13 PM

Provide funding to establishments to make the patios look nicer. Boars Head doesn't really put in an effort with their parking lot patio. But not sure if they are part of the patio program.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 02:20 PM

I think it is really good for Stratford

Anonymous

1/14/2023 02:38 PM

Don't like they take up parking spaces but don't know how else they can do it.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 02:38 PM

That it would be available every year.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 03:03 PM

There's just nowhere to park with the patios. You can't even pick up takeout from restaurants.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 03:11 PM

Extend the patios to every bar/restaurant

Anonymous

1/14/2023 03:14 PM

Nothing

Anonymous

1/14/2023 03:23 PM

Don't allow it in market Square outside of the Hub, everywhere else there is plenty of parking except there, it seems to take up way too much room

Anonymous

1/14/2023 03:29 PM

Make it available everywhere

Anonymous

1/14/2023 03:32 PM

Nothing really

Anonymous

1/14/2023 03:45 PM

More patios

Anonymous

1/14/2023 04:02 PM

Safer, more even surfaces for people with mobility aids/mobility challenges.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 04:08 PM

Have more of it.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 04:29 PM

More of them, larger, and more full shade options.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 04:38 PM

Have the city provide assistance in the cleaning of the patios

Anonymous

1/14/2023 04:48 PM

Allow more patios if possible, everyone likes the option to dine and enjoy outdoors in the summer months, winter is long

Anonymous

locate them off of the roadways so patrons aren't subjected to vehicle

1/14/2023 04:52 PM

exhaust while dining

Anonymous

1/14/2023 05:04 PM

nothing, its great, keep it going.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 05:30 PM

Not sure if covers are allowed but providing that option to business owners would be great given our unpredictable weather.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 05:52 PM

I love the program

Anonymous

1/14/2023 06:00 PM

I would like to see the City's patio program discontinued.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 06:29 PM

More/larger patios

Anonymous

1/14/2023 06:50 PM

Nothing

Anonymous

1/14/2023 07:28 PM

It is more the problem of cars with noisy mufflers, noisy motorcycles. The city must have a noise bylaw, but it isn't enforced. In most patios the noise frequently interrupts conversation.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 07:30 PM

Starts earlier and lasts longer

Anonymous

1/14/2023 07:52 PM

Get them off the road

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:34 PM

So I really like the patios but it feels like there are just too many of them... which makes it difficult at times during the summer to find parking. Having said that, I don't think it would be fair to only offer the program to some and not others... so ya... t

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:37 PM

Subsidized by city coffers stopped. Some restaurants close down during "off season" & can't afford to travel south for the winter, has before Covid

Anonymous

Make it every year

1/14/2023 09:35 PM

Anonymous

To not remove them.

1/14/2023 09:45 PM

Anonymous

Bigger patios

1/14/2023 09:55 PM

Anonymous

More patios please. Rediculous that in canada een have to have a survey about this. Go anywhere in europe and see that downtown areas thrive with lots of patios and less cars. Stop with fascination about accomodating cars.

1/14/2023 10:03 PM

Anonymous

Open in winter with heaters, ice sculptures, creative Christmas themed, hot drinks etc

1/14/2023 10:25 PM

Anonymous

That it doesn't cost too much for businesses (I want to see businesses be able to participate because patio space is at a premium and everyone should get to enjoy)

1/14/2023 10:12 PM

Anonymous

Give certainty it will be kept in future

1/14/2023 10:28 PM

Anonymous

That we never get asked stupid questions like this and the asshats make decisions for the people in this city start seeing the Forrest through the trees.

1/14/2023 11:15 PM

Anonymous

Make the walk way wider to allow two people to walk through Merge the ends better with the side walk to make for a better and natural transition for path of travel

1/15/2023 12:37 AM

Anonymous

To have more patios, so maybe to make it easier for the businesses to get one

1/15/2023 01:35 AM

Anonymous

Improve the areas where the extended walkways end at existing gardens (like the one in front of Mercer Hall) to improve safety and accessibility.

1/15/2023 06:41 AM

Anonymous

The summer is short and anything that helps embrace summer

1/15/2023 06:54 AM

should be taken advantage of.

Anonymous

1/15/2023 07:39 AM

Prefer to see more people downtown versus cars. Anything to promote outdoor life is welcome.

Anonymous

1/15/2023 08:03 AM

Could the city add flower baskets to match the flowers around town, the city lamp standard flowers are always so beautiful!

Anonymous

1/15/2023 09:03 AM

More affordable for business

Anonymous

1/15/2023 09:25 AM

Shorten the season...it's disrupting the downtown parking situation for almost 6 months of the year

Anonymous

1/15/2023 09:45 AM

More. More of all of it. Add temporary greenery in the form of potted trees. Expand space. Introduce free parking outside downtown.

Anonymous

1/15/2023 09:58 AM

Put them inside.

Anonymous

1/15/2023 11:08 AM

Not enough parking with having the patios are amazing

Anonymous

1/15/2023 11:10 AM

More patios and more space between tables

Anonymous

1/15/2023 11:20 AM

Don't charge businesses for this space

Anonymous

1/15/2023 12:22 PM

Wouldn't change anything. Seems to work well except for the bees/wasps. Figure out a way to move those along and you're laughing.

Anonymous

1/15/2023 12:54 PM

kill the program, it is insane to take up 60+ parking spots in a town where thousands of tourists flock. Not everyone can walk from the parking lots. Not happy about walking through clouds of smoke. I beg of you to get rid of this unnecessary program.

Anonymous

Allow patios to open year round, using the sidewalk, weather

1/15/2023 02:28 PM

permitting even a sunny winter day patios should be allowed. Leave it to the restaurant owner.

Anonymous

1/15/2023 02:51 PM

Have the sidewalk continue through with the patios in the boardwalk parking spaces to keep pedestrian circulation smooth

Anonymous

1/15/2023 03:53 PM

Start patios earlier in the season and end it later in the fall

Anonymous

1/15/2023 05:14 PM

Make it include more business'

Anonymous

1/15/2023 05:25 PM

Make it safer for pedestrians to cross through. Some patios made us walk on the road because guests were on the sidewalks and the "patio"

Anonymous

1/15/2023 08:11 PM

Patios should only be submitted to those businesses that promote the use of patio and have the patio in use during good weather regular hours of operation, I noticed a few places having patios taking up valuable parking spaces were very rarely in use

Anonymous

1/15/2023 08:10 PM

Do not take up parking spots. no parking available no shopping up town for me

Anonymous

1/15/2023 09:43 PM

It would be great to start the patio season sooner.

Anonymous

1/15/2023 09:45 PM

Longer patio presence is going to help offer space to those still concerned about dining indoors .

Anonymous

1/15/2023 09:48 PM

Too many parking spaces blocked

Anonymous

1/15/2023 09:56 PM

Continue for years to come

Anonymous

1/15/2023 10:51 PM

There would be more!

Anonymous 1/16/2023 07:46 AM	More patios!! Licensed street performers/buskers roaming patios like in Europe
Anonymous 1/16/2023 08:39 AM	Not the most user friendly,
Anonymous 1/16/2023 08:42 AM	Remove All On-Street Parking in the Downtown Core area - Ontario Street between Waterloo and Church St. Wellington, Downie, Marketplace Triangle. and allow shops to extend their footprint. Keeping some areas with 15 minute spots.
Anonymous 1/16/2023 08:52 AM	More artwork by local artists. That was fun.
Anonymous 1/16/2023 09:01 AM	Nothing against the businesses on Market Place, but I'd suggest we NOT allow the patios on that street, since they have the new Market Place square behind city hall for folks to take food to. Those parking spots should remain, limited to 2 hours.
Anonymous 1/16/2023 09:41 AM	Not make people walk so close to busy traffic-I am a pedestrian that works in the downtown core and I hated having to use the boardwalks. They made me feel uneasy and also, they are an ugly addition to the downtown. The extension walkways feel dangerous!
Anonymous 1/16/2023 10:11 AM	Ensure temporary structures are safe to walk on.
Anonymous 1/16/2023 10:09 AM	More of them
Anonymous 1/16/2023 10:10 AM	I would shut down parts of the main streets. It is extremely noisy and unflattering to the environment the patio provides. I am not saying every road, but roads surrounding those areas would be perfect as much as possible.
Anonymous 1/16/2023 10:52 AM	Make more of them
Anonymous 1/16/2023 11:45 AM	I would keep it cost effective for residents and encourage more restaurants to participate.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 12:05 PM

entrances and exits should be accessible - some left you walking through gardens last year. As well as giving all restaurants/cafes a fair shot at participating.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 12:22 PM

More comfortable seating.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 01:03 PM

I think it works well.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 01:01 PM

No charge for businesses.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 01:08 PM

I would not charge the small businesses for the patio as the patios bring in 50x more revenue than the parking spots and brings an amazing atmosphere to our core. If it were cheaper I think more would participate and make Stratford a very unique location.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 01:11 PM

Find a spot for more downtown parking

Anonymous

1/16/2023 01:32 PM

Don't charge the business. This does and will continue to add revenue to the city.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 02:10 PM

More patios, bigger sidewalks and more permanent patio solutions.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 02:55 PM

More of them. More pedestrian-friendly areas, fewer cars.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 03:20 PM

Start earlier and end later fall.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 03:25 PM

Pay as you go

Anonymous

1/16/2023 04:12 PM

Proximity to the road/highway

Anonymous 1/16/2023 04:41 PM	Less fees for business....I'd like to see more patios....summer is way to short to be indoors
Anonymous 1/16/2023 04:53 PM	Everything has been exceptional
Anonymous 1/16/2023 06:10 PM	Do not allow smoking outside
Anonymous 1/16/2023 06:17 PM	Nothing - it seems well thought out
Anonymous 1/16/2023 06:18 PM	More.
Anonymous 1/16/2023 06:47 PM	Restaurants in outer downtown should get a break on the price of the parking spots
Anonymous 1/16/2023 06:44 PM	If other restaurants are interested, hoipefully they too can be accommodated. The feel it gives our city is world-class and thats so imporytant since we depenmd so much on tourism and giving our residernts and visitors a great experience.
Anonymous 1/16/2023 06:58 PM	Taxpayers should not fund
Anonymous 1/16/2023 07:00 PM	Ensuring all businesses are treated the same.
Anonymous 1/16/2023 07:21 PM	Not block sidewalks or parking spots. Plus they just look janky.
Anonymous 1/16/2023 07:39 PM	Down town core only not Ontario st
Anonymous 1/16/2023 08:40 PM	Patios on Ontario Street are particularly noisy because of traffic
Anonymous 1/16/2023 10:40 PM	Expand them....so nice to eat outside in this beautiful city

Anonymous

1/16/2023 10:43 PM

Nothing it's delightful!

Anonymous

1/17/2023 05:48 AM

No extra charge to business

Anonymous

1/17/2023 07:04 AM

I actually enjoyed the patios I wouldn't change too much. Things could be tweaked but that's about it

Anonymous

1/17/2023 07:30 AM

No patios that weren't there to begin with, the boardwalks constantly get blocked

Anonymous

1/17/2023 07:34 AM

Have patrols to ensure that cyclists and motorized scooters are not running pedestrians down on the boardwalks

Anonymous

1/17/2023 09:36 AM

Regain parking spaces

Anonymous

1/17/2023 09:41 AM

The patios that I have seen always left space for sidewalk traffic which is great. That is the main point to consider - can people on sidewalks comfortably walk by patios. You don't want pedestrians on the street!

Anonymous

1/17/2023 10:04 AM

I would waive fees or come up with a 3-5 year fee program to simplify the process for all.

Anonymous

1/17/2023 11:01 AM

Do not have them ,obstruct my business,cigaret butts to clean up.

Anonymous

1/17/2023 01:02 PM

Wouldn't change a thing...these are awesome for the city residences and tourists/visitors.

Anonymous

1/17/2023 11:17 AM

Scrap it

Anonymous

1/17/2023 06:19 PM

They are , on the most part very ugly pressure treated wood. Has anyone been to France or Italy or Belgium or

Anonymous

1/18/2023 11:18 AM

Keep the sidewalks for pedestrians

Anonymous

1/18/2023 02:07 PM

Nothing it is perfect and exactly what our small businesses need

Anonymous

1/18/2023 03:11 PM

The patios should no longer be allowed.

Anonymous

1/18/2023 08:16 PM

Extend it.

Anonymous

1/19/2023 07:28 AM

Road traffic barrier perhaps. It can get quite loud

Anonymous

1/19/2023 09:01 AM

Doesn't take up parking spaces. People are deterred from shopping at our store because of the lack of parking.

Anonymous

1/19/2023 11:51 AM

More outdoor food festivals!

Anonymous

1/19/2023 09:31 PM

Less car pollution

Anonymous

1/20/2023 08:38 AM

Due to insurance and liability, Patio of one business should not extend to the front (sidewalk) of another property even if that property happens to be a vacant lot. Case in point: Mercer's Hall patio extends to the front of vacant lot 98 Ontario St.

Anonymous

1/20/2023 05:40 PM

Add more and make some of them bigger

Anonymous

1/20/2023 07:32 PM

I would make it a permanent thing every year

Anonymous

1/21/2023 12:00 PM

More of them

Anonymous

1/23/2023 10:44 AM

Encourage more businesses to build them!

Anonymous

1/23/2023 06:56 PM

Start earlier

Anonymous

1/24/2023 09:26 AM

Addition of safety barriers - ie Jersey barriers at ends of temporary sidewalk areas

Anonymous

1/25/2023 01:55 PM

Limit the size and therefore the parking spots taken away for parking. Restrictions have been easing and the need is not as strong. Wondering about the noise factor, especially later at night for the people living downtown.

Anonymous

1/25/2023 09:07 PM

allow for parking in front of patios (pulling along side) to go in to pick up take out

Anonymous

1/26/2023 09:59 AM

Entrances to walk around are messy, especially in front of Mercer where there is a garden covered in gravel.

Anonymous

1/26/2023 06:40 PM

Allow more patios

Anonymous

1/27/2023 08:21 AM

If restaurants are to pay good money to have patios noise control for vehicles should be put in place. Conversation is constantly interrupted by noisy motorcycles and trucks whose systems are altered to produce more noise. This is a noise pollution pr for

Anonymous

1/27/2023 01:06 PM

I can't think of anything I'd change!

Anonymous

1/27/2023 05:58 PM

Expanded restaurant participation

Anonymous

1/28/2023 09:54 AM

More patios, less parking

Anonymous

1/29/2023 10:44 PM

add more

Anonymous

1/30/2023 12:35 PM

Nothing

Anonymous

1/31/2023 07:39 PM

More of them. They really help to animate the street.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 09:03 AM

Make them dog friendly

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:13 AM

Realize that there is a greater need for parking than patios.

[REDACTED]

2/01/2023 10:15 AM

Make it easier for businesses to participate, no matter what their location is in the downtown.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 04:29 PM

Less congestion would be helpful

Anonymous

2/01/2023 04:30 PM

That for the majority it does take up parking spaces

Anonymous

2/01/2023 04:32 PM

Uncomfortable experience

Anonymous

2/01/2023 04:32 PM

The wood can be very slippery when wet...maybe add an anti-slip surface.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 04:38 PM

Stop using valuable downtown parking.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 04:41 PM

That it be a permanent option for businesses and you don't need to do a survey every year. An outdoor culture is welcoming and it feels like more is going on. Expand patios/courtyards and places like Bru Garden.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 04:38 PM

No parking on either side of the patios. Sometimes people get way too close to the patios

Anonymous

2/01/2023 04:39 PM

More patios. Much safer and healthier

Anonymous

2/01/2023 04:39 PM

the ones outside of the restaurant are okay...its the walkway that is on the road.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 04:38 PM

Free parking at other spots

Anonymous

2/01/2023 04:40 PM

Nothing, I honestly loved having access to patios at all restaurants downtown

Anonymous

2/01/2023 04:41 PM

Nothing

Anonymous

2/01/2023 04:44 PM

The one's that take away parking spots should end

Anonymous

2/01/2023 04:48 PM

Traffic on Ontario street. Sometimes you have to shout over the traffic if you want to sit on a restaurant patio on Ontario street.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 04:48 PM

nothing

Anonymous

2/01/2023 04:49 PM

Dont charge businesses to have a patio

Anonymous

2/01/2023 04:49 PM

Should not charge businesses to have a patio

Anonymous

2/01/2023 04:51 PM

Add more patios!!!

Anonymous

2/01/2023 04:51 PM

Add more :)

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:07 PM

Patios should be allowed on the sidewalks but not within limited parking spaces in the downtown. Or the city needs to provide alternate parking spaces while this program is available. (in addition to what is usually available)

Anonymous

2/01/2023 04:54 PM

Limit big trucks going through town during the day.

Anonymous

It takes up too much sidewalk the wood is slippery when it rains

2/01/2023 04:56 PM

Anonymous

Better quality build, materials, finishes, etc.

2/01/2023 05:02 PM

Anonymous

Smoking from those around the patios. (ANY KIND)

2/01/2023 05:05 PM

Anonymous

Nothing

2/01/2023 05:06 PM

Anonymous

An alternative to placing cement blocks in front of patios

2/01/2023 05:07 PM

Anonymous

I would rather see community patios for example in market square or a few licensed areas in the park that people could go to with take out options.

2/01/2023 05:11 PM

Anonymous

No parking spaces should be eliminated.

2/01/2023 05:12 PM

Anonymous

more of them

2/01/2023 05:10 PM

Anonymous

free parking during patio season

2/01/2023 05:08 PM

Anonymous

Nothing

2/01/2023 05:12 PM

Anonymous

More! Such a great vibe.

2/01/2023 05:15 PM

Anonymous

Nothing

2/01/2023 05:18 PM

Anonymous

Quieter foot ramps to walk around a patio that extends over the sidewalk

2/01/2023 05:19 PM

Anonymous

Business should not shoulder the total cost for this patios. I understand the cost of supply/storage and loss of parking. These

2/01/2023 05:22 PM

should be subsidized for these owners.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:29 PM

More parking elsewhere downtown. The patio spots don't really take up that many spots, they were never really available before the patios due to a general lack of parking. Love the patios and hope they stay!

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:27 PM

More of them

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:30 PM

Free up the spaces on Ontario st and Wellington square. Encourage more restaurants to use the courthouse seating or the take away option to Patterson island

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:38 PM

Don't charge the restaurants too much as a fee as that would be a deterrent

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:37 PM

To not take up parking spaces that are already limited

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:40 PM

Not have out of front of businesses. Looks tacky and doesn't flow with the downtown core!

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:43 PM

Bring the art back!

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:42 PM

Have more patios. Let's make it like Paris!

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:46 PM

It's ridiculous to take away parking downtown where it is needed. Especially in some spots where nobody even uses patios. Many times I walk by and they sit empty.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:48 PM

The more the merrier

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:51 PM

they were good how it is

Anonymous

Happy with current structure

2/01/2023 05:53 PM

Anonymous

Slightly wider

2/01/2023 05:54 PM

Anonymous

Available for many businesses and as long a season as possible

2/01/2023 05:56 PM

Anonymous

No parking spaces should be used, and some places shouldn't be allowed to have flowers and things that are so big they encroach on what's left of the sidewalks.

2/01/2023 05:57 PM

Anonymous

Nothing- love the program

2/01/2023 05:59 PM

Anonymous

Nil

2/01/2023 06:02 PM

Anonymous

Stop taking up parking spaces

2/01/2023 06:03 PM

Anonymous

More lights at city hall

2/01/2023 06:02 PM

Anonymous

Makes them prettier

2/01/2023 06:02 PM

Anonymous

Too bad it takes up parking spaces

2/01/2023 06:11 PM

Anonymous

Not to have it. Wastes parking spots that people need.

2/01/2023 06:13 PM

Anonymous

Lower the cost to the businesses.

2/01/2023 06:15 PM

Anonymous

Make it more affordable for our business owners

2/01/2023 06:17 PM

Anonymous

Reduce the cost to the Businesses for putting them up.

2/01/2023 06:24 PM

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:41 PM

Expand it!

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:26 PM

Nothing, I think it is great. Buses could be improved which would help greatly with the parking downtown.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:29 PM

Let them stay open a little longer into the fall. There were some beautiful days and they were told to shut them down.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:27 PM

As parking is taken up, find some capacity or price reduction elsewhere - or a parking validation system - something like that. And highest priority for spaces closest to the town for disabled patrons and residents.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:27 PM

End the program. Parking is a problem for downtown and the patios make it worse.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:33 PM

More room! More tables! There is plenty of parking within walking distance downtown. Losing the immediately adjacent spots isn't an issue. This also prioritizes alternate modes of transportation (like walking and cycling) and keeps patios "gas fume free".

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:31 PM

Not have them.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:33 PM

Should not charge the businesses. They are still trying to catch up from covid.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:33 PM

Keep it off the parking spaces

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:41 PM

Closure of Mornington St between Ontario and Albert st. On Sunday morning to allow for multiple business to set up and serve a nice outdoor experience for breakfast!

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:35 PM

Get rid of them so there is more parking for visitors.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:39 PM

Less expensive for businesses so they are more likely to participate?
I love it and want them everywhere. As a resident, it means I can sometimes actually get into somewhere to eat in tourist season lol

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:46 PM

Provide free parking vouchers for residents to enjoy the downtown businesses

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:50 PM

More patios!

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:53 PM

Trucks be directed to truck route instead driving through centre of town

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:53 PM

More patios!

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:56 PM

Patio program only benefits a certain few.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 07:18 PM

Dreaming big, having Ontario St calends to 2 lanes downtown would be awesome. Extended season with outdoor heaters.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 07:19 PM

add coverage so we can also enjoy them in the rain

Anonymous

2/01/2023 07:22 PM

Additional safety precautions are always helpful, reflective tape would be great on the outsides for cars and runners etc.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 07:27 PM

As a downtown resident who already struggles to park their own vehicle downtown, what would be great is not having them. Or fewer of them. Specifically not on Downie Street.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 07:28 PM

Nothing to suggest

Anonymous

2/01/2023 07:29 PM

make market square the full hub for all the restaurants, with ample seating and umbrellas

Anonymous

2/01/2023 07:37 PM

Add more greenery such as potted shrubs etc.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 07:47 PM

Continue allowing restaurants to increase their patronage through patio seating

Anonymous

2/01/2023 07:49 PM

Add planter boxes. Better Sun protection. Consider extending even further and making downtown (market Square) pedestrian only

Anonymous

2/01/2023 07:49 PM

I love the idea but the patios eat up a lot of parking spots in the limited downtown parking area.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 07:51 PM

Allow them! They are great.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 07:53 PM

Increase it

Anonymous

2/01/2023 07:56 PM

Parking is horrible. Keeps me away from downtown for the most part. This is nice for the businesses but takes up way to many valuable parking spaces.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 08:00 PM

No gaps between wood pieces on the patio (tripping hazard, dogs legs can fall through)

Anonymous

2/01/2023 08:00 PM

Fees

Anonymous

2/01/2023 08:09 PM

Make sure the walkways around the patios meet tight to the curbs and extra room. For instance at Mercer Hall, you walk around the patio on the walkway and end up shoulder to shoulder with Mercer Hall line up. Should be cattle catchers set up.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 08:25 PM

The heavy truck traffic on Ontario Street.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 08:36 PM

I would expand it and allow business owners to grow it.

Anonymous 2/01/2023 08:39 PM	No change it's fabulous to be able to sit outside. Also helps with covid problems
Anonymous 2/01/2023 08:42 PM	Have even more patios !
Anonymous 2/01/2023 08:46 PM	Limited amounts
Anonymous 2/01/2023 08:50 PM	Takes up too much parking
Anonymous 2/01/2023 08:51 PM	I LOVE it. Can't think of anything I would change.
Anonymous 2/01/2023 09:04 PM	More accessible to businesses to participate. It's so nice being able to enjoy the outdoors and dine, the more the merrier in my opinion!
Anonymous 2/01/2023 09:09 PM	I would love dog friendly patios
Anonymous 2/01/2023 09:12 PM	More parking but I support the extensions.
Anonymous 2/01/2023 09:14 PM	Entice more restaurants to join
Anonymous 2/01/2023 09:16 PM	Build a parking garage on one of the vacant building lots
Anonymous 2/01/2023 09:29 PM	Include even more of them!
Anonymous 2/01/2023 09:33 PM	Absolutely, nothing . We live in a beautiful city . Our patios , are always full , as people enjoy the outside eating experience as many other cities and countries do . More patios the better .
Anonymous 2/01/2023 09:35 PM	Have more!

Anonymous

2/01/2023 09:37 PM

More of them

Anonymous

2/01/2023 09:47 PM

Please work with the businesses on the Wellington Street area. There is a large space behind City hall for eating with often no one there. Not enough parking for businesses. Can be frustrating trying to find a spot .

Anonymous

2/01/2023 09:52 PM

More attractive design.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 09:57 PM

If the patio program will become more permanent, there needs to be a more permanent patio solution instead of ugly wooden barriers

Anonymous

2/01/2023 09:59 PM

patio tables with 4 legs rather than centre leg to accommodate wheelchairs

Anonymous

2/01/2023 09:58 PM

Nothing. If anything - more patios!!!

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:04 PM

less car traffic downtown with blackout days on weekends, more focus on accessible public transportation.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:03 PM

Wouldn't take up parking spaces

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:04 PM

It would be nice if a beautiful winter day some seating available for all year around use.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:11 PM

Nothing!

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:14 PM

Boardwalk need to stay.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:15 PM

Open longer into fall

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:21 PM

Please cancel it and give us back our sidewalks and precious-few parking spots

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:27 PM

Add public patios in private-vehicle on-road parking spaces for people to gather and enjoy the downtown similar to what is available in the public square behind City hall where people can enjoy the main street without going into a restaurant/cafe.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:23 PM

Don't exit patio onto areas for planing that arr difficult for those with mobility issues. Outside Mercer for example

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:24 PM

More restaurants with patios

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:28 PM

Don't charge businesses so much

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:33 PM

I hate that it takes up parking downtown . Elder people have to travel great distances to find parking downtown. Uneven sidewalks have many tripping hazards and cut into downtown gardens causing them to be trampled.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:36 PM

Charge businesses more and base it on square footage they are using

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:36 PM

Keep the patio but find more parking

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:37 PM

Add more parking options to compensate for the spots taken away

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:39 PM

I don't think I would change anything, I feel they are very attractive and defintely add to the charm of our city

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:51 PM

I'd love for it to be as easy as possible for businesses to have a patio! It brings a wonderful energy to the downtown

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:55 PM

Allow each business owner to decide how they would like the patio or no patio in front of their business.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:59 PM

Do it to where it doesn't take up parking

Anonymous

2/01/2023 11:09 PM

Nothing to add, I think the program was really well managed.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 11:16 PM

I hope in the future the city allows the patios to be larger as there is often wait times for patios across the cities restaurants

Anonymous

2/01/2023 11:36 PM

Allow more space

Anonymous

2/01/2023 11:57 PM

Nothing, they are GREAT!

Anonymous

2/02/2023 12:07 AM

Don't take up parking spaces

Anonymous

2/02/2023 01:20 AM

fewer patios or smaller patios

Anonymous

2/02/2023 03:39 AM

More of them, with heaters for cool nights and to extend the season.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 04:07 AM

To extend it later in the year.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 04:41 AM

Don't charge the restaurants

Anonymous

2/02/2023 04:45 AM

Businesses that participate in the program should pay the full shot for their patio. Includes the cost of set up, teardown, flower boxes, flowers, watering, lost parking revenues, etc plus the permit cost.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 05:19 AM

Cement barriers

Anonymous

2/02/2023 05:32 AM

Give it to businesses for free

Anonymous

2/02/2023 05:51 AM

Eliminate ALL vehicles from Downie and Wellington Streets in the downtown core. People ONLY!

Anonymous

2/02/2023 05:54 AM

Remove them

Anonymous

2/02/2023 07:02 AM

Add more on Wellington St

Anonymous

2/02/2023 07:23 AM

Restaurants should not be allowed to put their host stands so close to the walkway. People stand near the host stand and make it difficult to walk onto wooden walkways. Very frustrating. Mercer and Bentleys are especially bad for this.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 07:23 AM

The business with the patio should pay all costs including insurance

Anonymous

2/02/2023 07:32 AM

Each one would require greenery in it

Anonymous

2/02/2023 07:57 AM

That it takes up much needed parking downtown. Not everyone is able to walk a few blocks after parking in the parking lots.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 07:57 AM

More for restaurants that don't have outdoor seating

Anonymous

2/02/2023 08:18 AM

Allowing more of a cover gazebo type roofing sometimes umbrellas aren't the best choice for the weather...wind rain?

Anonymous

2/02/2023 08:53 AM

Warmer weather to continue it all year (lol).

Anonymous

2/02/2023 08:57 AM

Lower cost to business for keeping them.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 09:01 AM

It cause to many parking issues

Anonymous

2/02/2023 09:03 AM

It should be free

Anonymous

2/02/2023 09:04 AM

MORE

Anonymous

2/02/2023 09:08 AM

More please!

Anonymous

2/02/2023 09:46 AM

No charge for the patio program,

Anonymous

2/02/2023 09:46 AM

Allowing more space

Anonymous

2/02/2023 09:50 AM

None

Anonymous

2/02/2023 10:00 AM

Fewer yellowjackets in Fall

Anonymous

2/02/2023 10:33 AM

Keep it ongoing, the city looks so much more vibrant and welcoming for tourists also please consider Stratford flags or on the street lamps (same as the snowflakes in winter) throughout the city as in (St.Mary's)

Anonymous

2/02/2023 11:19 AM

They are a bit slippery when wet so some traction would be a great add

Anonymous

2/02/2023 11:20 AM

nothing

Anonymous

2/02/2023 11:30 AM

Use Market Square better. If you are worried about park use the square for the patios. European cities do it all the time.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 11:36 AM

The entire market square should be pedestrian only in the summer to accommodate larger patios

Anonymous

2/02/2023 11:41 AM

Reduce fees for business owners

Anonymous

Not a thing - I love it and I want it to stay forever!!

2/02/2023 12:06 PM

Anonymous

the road walkways are ugly

2/02/2023 12:18 PM

Anonymous

Have more of them and allow a reasonable levels of classy music to be played from restaurants.

2/02/2023 12:57 PM

Anonymous

Only issue is the effect on parking spaces

2/02/2023 01:03 PM

Anonymous

I think it is a necessary evil. More space for people to enjoy a patio is better in my opinion.

2/02/2023 01:03 PM

Anonymous

Don't charge the businesses a lot of money to have them

2/02/2023 01:11 PM

Anonymous

Perhaps not so elaborate with so much wood needed.

2/02/2023 02:54 PM

Anonymous

I wouldn't change anything. It's a smart fun program.

2/02/2023 03:10 PM

Anonymous

A longer patio season

2/02/2023 03:13 PM

Anonymous

More restaurants should have them.

2/02/2023 03:48 PM

Anonymous

Offer more patios to everyone for fry

2/02/2023 04:12 PM

Anonymous

Add more!

2/02/2023 04:48 PM

Anonymous

More business with patios

2/02/2023 05:23 PM

Anonymous

Having some streets with only foot traffic once in a while would be wonderful! Quieter settings for some of the patios.

2/02/2023 06:30 PM

Anonymous

2/02/2023 06:31 PM

Longer season based off historical data

Anonymous

2/02/2023 06:48 PM

Create

Anonymous

2/02/2023 08:38 PM

We need more of them

Anonymous

2/02/2023 09:58 PM

No car zones would be a cool feature for some of the downtown.
Could then expand patios into the streets and be more pedestrian-friendly

Anonymous

2/02/2023 09:59 PM

Get rid of them

Anonymous

2/02/2023 10:29 PM

Add a section down by the river that can be considered a "waterfront" experience.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 11:30 PM

More patio space. It's such a lovely place to be.

Anonymous

2/03/2023 12:04 AM

Should cost less to the business

Optional question (707 response(s), 876 skipped)

Question type: Single Line Question

Q12 If you have any additional comments related to the future of the City's patio program, please share them below.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 05:12 PM

I love the atmosphere it creates, encourages more of a pedestrian friendly vibe. Wish it could actually encourage less car traffic or slower traffic in those areas.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 03:31 PM

Please encourage it, keep it coming, give visitors and residences more reasons to come downtown and stay downtown. 30-minute parking for parts of Wellington and other areas where there are businesses primarily focused on locals who may be driving &

picking up heavier items (like groceries) is a good mix.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 03:38 PM

Coming from Europe, I find it normal that dining moves outdoors in the summer - all restaurants will do that. City squares will be filled with tables, chairs and sun shades. This adds to the attraction of a town.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 03:42 PM

I really like the expanded patio areas, but noticed they were not always used at certain establishments. I think there should be a fee for the patio permit which should reflect the loss of parking and not be discounted.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 03:53 PM

I believe the patio program gives Stratford a very European flare which I believe attracts visitors and residents alike, especially those who have enjoyed them in famous European cities like Paris, Rome, Barcelona, Athens and so many more. Surrounding them with plants and flowers is wonderful!

Anonymous

1/12/2023 03:49 PM

Please continue with it, make it even bigger. Even with the expanded seating there were still waits to get a seat, which I think shows a growing need for more! Tourists and residents alike appreciate being able to experience the city in this way!

Anonymous

1/12/2023 04:00 PM

Most other cities have the patios in the parking spaces and servers have to cross busy sidewalks . Our way is SO MUCH better. Ours also look beautiful compared to other towns and cities. Ontario in street in particular now looks much more appealing to wander and browse.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 03:55 PM

Consider marking Wellington or market place pedestrian only during June-September

Anonymous

1/12/2023 04:05 PM

I think since covid restrictions are over the patios should be over they just attract rude people who have no manners

Anonymous

1/12/2023 04:34 PM

More signage downtown would greatly improve the knowledge of visitors for parking options while patios take up those on streets. These patios bring a great opportunity for businesses, and creates a great sense of attraction for downtown meal options.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 04:52 PM

n/a

Anonymous

1/12/2023 04:56 PM

It's an amazing program for residents and visitors. I've heard so many positive comments. People should stop complaining about the loss of parking. Walk a block or two to the Cooper site. Imagine you are in Toronto and you have to park a few blocks away.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 05:12 PM

Patio dining in the summer is a GREAT alternative and preferred to dining inside.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 05:21 PM

Parking is severely limited in the downtown area at the best of times
These "patios" make it much worse

Anonymous

1/12/2023 05:25 PM

They should definitely continue and downtown should be more pedestrian friendly with less vehicle access and more patio space

Anonymous

1/12/2023 05:31 PM

I would like to see more pedestrian friendly spaces and make the city and its sidewalks much more accessible and walkable.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 05:42 PM

Encourage use of the square not parking spots.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 05:53 PM

1. They should be offered in a neutral fashion; ie no favouring of certain establishments. 2. Limit the taking up of parking spaces, no matter the establishment size; ie one each 3. Keep in mind how it blocks free flow of pedestrian traffic, and that walker, wheelchairs and mobility scooters are also used. 4. IF you decide to continue on a long term basis, consider decorative wrought iron or designs that complement our Victorian heritage town

Anonymous

1/12/2023 06:07 PM

The restaurants in this city help draw in visitors as well as accommodate festival tourists and residents. We pay high enough taxes as residents in this city that a flat fee of maybe \$500 would suffice. I'm shocked by the cost you charge these small businesses

Anonymous

1/12/2023 06:16 PM

As a local resident I do not think we need another season of extending patios if they take up parking spots. I do love the Market Place outdoor dining areas and Tom Patterson Island outdoor dining areas. Thank you for taking our comments into consideration.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 06:42 PM

I like the European, open air feel...it encourages local residents to be tourists at home as much as it invites tourists.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:00 PM

Thank you thank you thank you!!!! The boardwalk patio extension saved our business at its inception. . It's contined to offer amazing curb appeal and vibrancy in the downtown. I believe you should charge for the patios. There has to be a value attached to them.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:03 PM

The comments I hear from tourists are incredible. It sets us apart from other communities that we have a downtown so incredibly vibrant.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:09 PM

They add character to downtown and should be continued

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:18 PM

Love it lets people have choice of being in or out doors

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:19 PM

Keep the patios

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:22 PM

Helps with additional flow of theatre guests. Gives visitors another fun thing to do in stratford. Most patios were beautiful and always busy

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:34 PM

We all need it, it's the best thing the city had done to help businesses in a long time.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:38 PM

Better safety for pedestrians, especially on Ontario Street extend the season, have street music for entertainment at dinner time and beyond.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:44 PM

I'm sure that the businesses are creating far more revenue with the patios. I assume that the city is also making money on this as well. Getting rid of it would be foolish in my opinion.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:44 PM

Keep this program and assist tourism viability

Anonymous

1/12/2023 07:59 PM

Patio dining is the best and a huge draw during sunny days

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:02 PM

Great program, makes this city different

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:04 PM

Businesses need this, it brings in more business and options for people to eat during the festival season!

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:08 PM

Please keep. It is so great to have all the outdoor seating and more seating for all costumers.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:17 PM

Fantastic to be outside via inside.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:20 PM

I feel that if we had a situation again ie:Covid then yes bring the patio back to make it easier on the businesses. But if we are not under any stipulations then leave them off the sidewalks and the taking of parking spots up.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:32 PM

This program needs to be kept and expanded. A lot of people rely on these businesses for their livelihood.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:32 PM

The variety of businesses that participate are very pleasing and leave options for all visitors and residents.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:42 PM

Makes the sidewalks to congested hard to get around with stroller mobility scooter ect Not enough parking in the core as it is Market square looked horrible with the concrete blocks Business did fine before the pandemic without patio extensions Not fair to other retailers - loss of parking Walking over dirt/ ply wood / wood chips from flower beds on Ontario Street sidewalks not ideal Lots of trip hazards ...

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:43 PM

I think tourists & local residents really enjoy the patios!

Anonymous

1/12/2023 08:59 PM

Do not continue this programme.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:01 PM

I like the expanded patio space and think we should continue it!

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:01 PM

Please continue.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:01 PM

None

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:13 PM

I absolutely love this addition to our city's downtown. i love eating outside and I find myself venturing to more restaurants cause more offer patio space.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:19 PM

This should not be up for debate year after year. It brings such a welcoming and positive vibe to the downtown core and encourages all to enjoy our beautiful city. How about focusing on the eye sore that is the building where Ellam's was.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:25 PM

Love love love the patios It reminds us of Europe and whenever we make plans we are like let's stay in town and do a patio

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:29 PM

Awesome program!!!! Please continue!

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:34 PM

Please keep them! They add such vibrancy to our community and the summer experience - our family used them as long as they were available so with heaters you could see folks out there in the Spring and Autumn too.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:38 PM

It's been a nice change to the restaurant visits in the summer and I think we need to keep them

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:37 PM

Stratford should be so proud of their commitment to this program. It looks great, it worked well and I hope it continues for years to come.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:39 PM

I don't really even use the patios, but I love the feel they give our downtown

Anonymous

The city's patio program is great for the businesses which in turn is

1/12/2023 09:49 PM

great for the city.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:54 PM

Need more parking downtown, not less.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 09:57 PM

The patios - especially the well-decorated ones like Raja - add to the "Festival feeling" of Stratford!

Anonymous

1/12/2023 10:10 PM

Keep the program going

Anonymous

1/12/2023 10:12 PM

Stratford has traditionally lacked a patio scene. I was happy the pandemic forced us to get creative, and have thoroughly enjoyed all the additional patio space and AI fresco dinning the last few years. I would love to see this program continued. It adds a warm, social, Euro vibe to the City!

Anonymous

1/12/2023 10:16 PM

Keep the costs low for the business to survive.

Anonymous

1/12/2023 10:55 PM

Keep outside patios!

Anonymous

1/12/2023 11:55 PM

Maybe a few more spots in the central core of downtown (Ontario Street) should be made mobility disability spots? Not a lot, I'm thinking a couple for those who less parking spots has actually affected negatively

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:16 AM

Stop bullying the restaurants

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:54 AM

Great program!!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 05:43 AM

unless the restaurants are going to make up the loss of revenue from the meters than stop the program

Anonymous

1/13/2023 05:56 AM

End the program. Covid is over

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:05 AM

The extended patios are amazing! Please continue doing the!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:13 AM

Keep it affordable for businesses. The patios are a benefit for residents, visitors.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:22 AM

Love the patios and being able to enjoy them! Hope you continue to allow them to operate as they have been.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:45 AM

Please stop taking parking spaces away. Keep the al fresco program running so people can take their meals behind city hall and at Tom Patterson Island.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:53 AM

Everyone loves a good patio so they should definitely stay. The only problem is that since we are a tourist town it limits parking at peak season, so something needs to be done. I think a public multi level parking garage needs to be built close to the downtown core to help with our parking needs. You could charge a reasonably priced monthly fee to people who work and live downtown. And a daily rate for visitors, as then they don't have to worry about tipping up a meter constantly.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:01 AM

The city would make more on the parking spots so why subsidize for business owners.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:06 AM

Patios are a win for everyone! Make it easier

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:15 AM

Having pedestrians exit and enter the sidewalk via ramps and wooden boardwalks creates hazards and litigation issues. If extra outside seating is needed for restaurants have them use the parking spaces (much like Red Rabbitt) and keep the sidewalks open to reduce the chances of claims against the City.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:24 AM

Make it permanent part of our city. Perhaps keep costs to businesses low to encourage more participants.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:42 AM

I love the patios. I think the downtown is a more interesting, more vibrant place than it was. Actually, one of my biggest disappointments when we first moved here ten years ago was how few patios there

were. Also, I'll just point out that the pandemic is not actually over and it is very good to have a safer space to go out to.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:09 AM

The bump outs that take up parking should be eliminated. It's a nice touch but now seemingly unnecessary post-covid and there's plenty of park space by the river.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:39 AM

I hope the patio program will continue. My family has certainly enjoyed using them over the past few years. We love our city. Keep up the great work, Stratford!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:53 AM

They are a great addition to the summer vibe of the city.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:59 AM

This program is great for everyone involved...benefits for the everyone involved from the restaurants and patrons

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:02 AM

Covid is not going away, it is only changing to survive... keep the outside patios

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:00 AM

It's been an amazing addition to this city in the summertime Seeing the boardwalks in the summer just look nice, they make our city more beautiful, any they help our small businesses

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:05 AM

I actually came downtown more to sit on a patio. I love the patios and I feel it makes the City of Stratford's downtown more fun and vibrant. I want to stay in town more.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:03 AM

I think more awareness needs to be sent out via signage and social media to redirect vehicles to parking lots. Attempt to ease congestion in the core.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:04 AM

Amend the Animal Bylaws to add in a city wide wildlife feeding ban that can be enforced by Stratford Humane.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:04 AM

Keep it going

Anonymous 1/13/2023 10:03 AM	None
Anonymous 1/13/2023 10:04 AM	I can't imagine why this programme would ever stop. It adds so much to our economy and all of the businesses have done such a great job of beautifying the patio spaces.
Anonymous 1/13/2023 10:08 AM	Question #8's options are pretty limited. I had to choose neutral, but that doesn't adequately reflect my opinions. My experience is good, not "neutral"! Feels like this is a bit of a biased survey.
Anonymous 1/13/2023 10:07 AM	It is something that should happen every year. It helps restaurants get more guests and they give our city a "Montreal" feel. Sooooo many people love to be outside for dining
Anonymous 1/13/2023 10:14 AM	We have had nothing but positive feedback from tourists in our shop about the outdoor patio program...& we as residents enjoy it as well.
Anonymous 1/13/2023 10:13 AM	This is a great program
Anonymous 1/13/2023 10:26 AM	The patio program is great and it would be very very unfortunate to not have patios as an option in years to come. Please keep in mind that some are going to vote against these for the reasons listed, such as "city beautification". I would argue that patrons are able to take in the beauty of Stratford while enjoying these downtown patios.
Anonymous 1/13/2023 10:26 AM	Keep it going through 2023 & beyond
Anonymous 1/13/2023 10:37 AM	Make sure the cost is sufficient for the patio permit. Inflation must be considered.
Anonymous 1/13/2023 10:40 AM	For smaller businesses or businesses that do not have accessibility to parking spots out front which are used for patio allow them to have a table or two out front. The entire vibe of outdoor dining to our City is so incredibly welcoming.
Anonymous	Love it, let's make it bigger and more walkable throughout downtown.

1/13/2023 10:41 AM

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:51 AM

The businesses are being financially ripped off by the City of Stratford as they pay large fees for the use of the sidewalk in the summer and are responsible for the cleaning of the sidewalks in winter....the boardwalks take up too many parking spots in downtown Stratford and and the boardwalks are slippery and dangerous for residents with walking issues. You need to ensure that the restaurant choosing the patio is open for a required number of hours so that parking is not taken when the restaurant is only open in the evenings, at the end of the week! Furthermore Stratford has offered many outdoor eating options, thus sidewalk patios are less important!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:42 AM

I think this is a wonderful idea for the city. It creates a much more cozy atmosphere for visitors and not the image of a highway going through Stratford.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:48 AM

Please keep them alive - it makes our downtown ALIVE

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:02 AM

why are these patio extensions only made available to restaurants? They should also be available to retail stores downtown who would also like more square footage of retail space but do not currently have it. restaurants knew that they had limited outdoor patio space when they located where they are but now are being given free extra space. retail stores in the same situation should also be given free space if restaurants are getting it. I do feel that there should be a cost to any business or restaurant that wants a patio extension in order to make up for the lost parking revenue if spaces are taken away. It is not fair to the city's taxpayers or other downtown businesses who rely on these parking spaces for their customers or taxpayers that use the parking to shop downtown that these parking spaces are basically given free to restaurants. It is a huge cost to the city in terms of lost parking revenue which affects the amount of money that goes into the parking reserve fund and other parking initiatives.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:59 AM

I think this program is great. Many cities have this type of structure and it brings more people downtown.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:09 AM

It is one of the things that makes Stratford different and better and welcoming and it would be a real shame if this COVID-era program was discontinued. I think this is one of the positive legacies of COVID and would never have been initiated or made possible without the

pandemic. The only change I would make is that the authorities strictly enforce noise bylaws as it pertains to vehicles as well as the Highway Traffic Act to ensure the atmosphere on Ontario St. is as positive as possible. Finally, Stratford is famous for its innovation, ideas and creating an positive visitor experience but as a resident - I also love the patios - they are not just for visitors. In regards to the parking Rouyn-Noranda did a very detailed study and found that the restaurant boardwalks actually increased foot traffic downtown and the loss of parking is not fiscally impactful. I have that study if it is helpful.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:11 AM

I believe the patios are loved by locals and visitors alike.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:08 AM

I love sitting the patios in warm weather but do have concerns about the loss of parking spaces.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:10 AM

This is important not only for the businesses that are still trying to get back up to their regular incomes, but also for the many residents who work as staff in these establishments as well as the many residents who frequent these establishments! This needs to continue for many reasons and I don't see any downfalls to it!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:20 AM

Keep it, anyone who has travelled extensively sees the patios the have , in Europe and even out East. They add to the very cosy and collective atmosphere that any city should want for their downtown

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:14 AM

Please keep this up!! It's a great idea!! I visited Barrie several years ago while my daughter was in school and they had it there. I thought it was an amazing idea and was so glad when Stratford started this!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:35 AM

Patios are great, just not taking up parking spots.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:40 AM

Add planters and art work

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:07 PM

It really adds to the outdoor ambiance of the downtown core.

Anonymous

Having to do with a few less parking spots over the summer seem a

1/13/2023 12:23 PM

ridiculous reason not to continue this wonderful program

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:12 PM

Great program. Shouldn't be off the backs of the business. There should be more parking options for those who want to enjoy those patios and not pay an arm and a leg to do so.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:14 PM

Special theme nights

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:22 PM

Hope we can find a way to keep them. I do hear a lot of complaints about parking costs and the 30 minute limit on Wellington St.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:30 PM

It appears that there is TOO much focus on Downtown Stratford. Let's beautify the rest of the city, extend beyond Huron/Ontario & bring all that wonderful character to other parts that need it. There are cute cafés and bakeries outside of the downtown core that should participate and be encouraged to participate. It will expand on where people can go, lots of these places are in residential neighborhoods that could use a local patio for residents to walk to enjoy. It may also help alleviate some of the traffic that will no doubt increase once the Festival kicks off.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:36 PM

My additional comments would be; we want our city to foster a culture that encourages a healthy lifestyle, invites family and friends to gather for meals outside and won't allow the naysayers to overreact to these opportunities.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:45 PM

I understand some businesses do not like the loss of parking, but I have only heard positive comments from my customers about the larger patios. There also has not been an increase in complaints about parking. In the end, people attract people. Cars do not attract people.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:41 PM

See above.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:43 PM

Love the feel and excitement that comes with seeing people out side.
Options to be outside in good weather

Anonymous

I think the extended patios create a great vibe for the city in the

1/13/2023 12:48 PM

summer months.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:52 PM

The program was certainly great during 2020 & 2021, and it is great for the visitors to see the outdoor patios - but perhaps the sidewalk extensions are limited to July, August, and September only.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 12:54 PM

Again, just the safety part of things.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:28 PM

I feel it is a great option for restaurants and customers. Love this addition mainly because most of restaurants could not offer this extra space. Gathering on the patio is an enjoyable option!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:02 PM

It was great when indoor dining was not an option

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:03 PM

Love it and great for our community

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:06 PM

Don't understand getting rid of something that works

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:14 PM

Everyone enjoys a patio in the summer. The sidewalk bypasses are already built. Why would you not use them every summer

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:20 PM

Fees too expensive for businesses, they are still trying to recoup from pandemic and city gouges them for more & more money

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:23 PM

Reminds me of Europe and something refreshing this town needs and should continue to do.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:30 PM

I think the patios are great, I like have so much outdoor seating.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:27 PM

Summer's are so short, I love the option of outdoor dining while we can!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:34 PM

The up town doesn't have enough parking as is .

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:38 PM

Love the patio season in Stratford. It is my favourite part of Stratford.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:43 PM

Patios have become the norm now. I personally enjoy them and think they add to the charm of Stratford. However. The parking problem looms and something needs to be addressed especially for local citizens. Perhaps a "local discount?"

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:53 PM

Make use of cleaned up alley ways (have noticed some restaurants doing this)

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:48 PM

Great program

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:51 PM

I LOVE the patios and the vibrancy they bring to downtown.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 01:54 PM

Perhaps low/no fees for businesses as I feel having the patios attracts more visitors to everyone.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 02:54 PM

The patios add to the overall appeal of downtown. They create more of a community. They keep people outdoors. Without the patios downtown just isn't as lively and honestly it looks so dull when they get taken away.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 02:08 PM

I really hope that this program continues for years to come. It makes our downtown feel like a community - inviting people to stop and linger.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 02:06 PM

There are concerns about the adjacent retail stores and the loss of access and visibility when there is an outdoor patio next door.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 02:15 PM

None

Anonymous

1/13/2023 02:31 PM

I appreciate having the option to dine outdoors -- pre-pandemic other communities have always had better options for patio dining and the fact that this aspect of service has been developed is one of the positives to have come out of the upheaval of the past few years.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 02:30 PM

Patios are an excellent idea. Makes the city seem much friendlier.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 02:43 PM

I sincerely hope that these become a permanent feature for the downtown core. Embracing outdoor dining in all its forms helps residents celebrate our City's uniqueness, improves quality of life, and also helps support Stratford as a destination of choice.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 02:52 PM

it's a better use of space downtown than parking cars

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:02 PM

The outdoor patios encourage a sense of community where families and friends can meet and enjoy a meal or drink together in the outdoors. There isn't a town or city in Europe the does not allow outdoor patios. We lag behind in this respect. In my opinion traffic should be redirected out of the downtown core to facilitate outdoor eating .

Anonymous

1/13/2023 02:59 PM

More shade would also be valuable on patio space.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:00 PM

Truly enjoy the atmosphere the patio's give

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:03 PM

An excellent program! Keep it up!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:27 PM

I think every restaurant should be given the opportunity to have a patio, and should be given a form as an offer to have a patio, as it provides more seating, and a better view of Stratford for the large volume of tourists Stratford experiences every summer. The first couple of years should be free for new businesses to obtain a patio.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:17 PM

It adds a beautiful setting to the downtown core to see people out and enjoying the fantastic restaurants our city has to offer. The patio vibe downtown is fantastic in the summer months with the extra space.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:29 PM

Love this idea, lets keep it going and bring more people downtown

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:56 PM

We have raised concerns two years in a row with Chris Bantock about the lack of consideration made for neighbouring businesses when patio permits are given. There must be a conversation about the bumpouts... they negatively impact foot traffic and visibility to the immediately neighbouring businesses because they extend foot traffic flow past the front doors of the businesses located beside. Our business has experienced this on Wellington St and I see it daily on Ontario St. In addition, patio design should not be permitted to extend above the height of store signage...again, this impacts street visibility for the immediately neighbouring businesses.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:39 PM

It's a fabulous enhancement that makes the downtown core vibrant and lively.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:41 PM

Gives a good downtown vibe.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:51 PM

I am all for patios but it is so hard to find parking. Could there be some compromise that would involve the patios being small enough that no parking spaces are used?

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:54 PM

Outdoor dining should be encouraged not gotten rid of.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 03:59 PM

It would be in poor taste for the City of Stratford to remove the outdoor patio areas. It is so good to sit outside and enjoy the outdoor ambiance.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:02 PM

When we visit and it is often we prefer to sit out on patios whenever possible to help support the tourist industry in Stratford.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:11 PM

Encourage restaurants to have "patio" and "inside" prices, with the patio prices slightly higher. The surcharge would have to go to a mandatory fund for maintenance and improvements to each patio, or directly to the servers who have to walk further, open doors and often negotiate steps when they serve outside. It's a harder job to serve on a patio.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:12 PM

Remove even more parking spots to give businesses more patio space! Calm down traffic on streets to create a quieter and more

beautiful downtown built for PEOPLE, not cars.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:16 PM

Not really, other than I applaud the businesses for their ingenuity and creativity. Bringing a Lights on Stratford vibe to the patio season would be awesome!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:13 PM

I think the outdoor patios are a great addition to the downtown

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:26 PM

I think it brings in more people, and on the busier streets it calms traffic and provides a safer walkway option.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:28 PM

How many parking spots is the city actually losing? Are you worried about revenue from the parking meters? Shame on you. I come to your town and I spend money at various locations. I'd rather walk a bit and enjoy the downtown.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:43 PM

Keep the open!!!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 04:46 PM

Please put the pianos back out in the summer

Anonymous

1/13/2023 05:22 PM

I love them and eat out more than usual because of them

Anonymous

1/13/2023 05:29 PM

There was nothing but positive feedback from customers and visitors to the city over the last 3 seasons regarding the increased welcome and beauty added to the core with the patio programme. It would be disappointing to see the City Staff and Council make the decision regarding patios based on parking. This has become a red herring in moving Stratford forward in creative, inviting ways to both residents and visitors to the city alike. To have made the investments made in the patio programme (including the pop up patios) only to consider discontinuing the programme would be a large waste of money, time and resources. In 3 years we never received one detrimental comment about the patios, and the hopes this would become a downtown Stratford staple to enhance the local and visitor experience.

Anonymous

Please make it permanent

1/13/2023 05:31 PM

Anonymous

1/13/2023 05:36 PM

I think they are a great idea, I also believe they should be free of charge as they do add to a great tourist experience

Anonymous

1/13/2023 05:37 PM

Love the vibe the patios bring to the downtown.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 05:48 PM

N/A

Anonymous

1/13/2023 05:49 PM

PLEASE KEEP DOING THEM!! the patios are so nice and it's lovely being able to sit outside in the summer

Anonymous

1/13/2023 05:50 PM

Make the walkways slightly wider

Anonymous

1/13/2023 06:01 PM

Nil

Anonymous

1/13/2023 06:01 PM

Love the patios in the warm weather

Anonymous

1/13/2023 06:22 PM

I believe it's a great idea and should be continued

Anonymous

1/13/2023 06:29 PM

I know there is controversy re fees and parking. The fee structure needs to be equitable. And those businesses that are only take out deserve allotted parking spaces not consumed by patios. Personally I don't use the patios on ontario as loud and smelly from trucks, and pedestrians are inches from my food.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 06:45 PM

Patios prompted by Covid have been a hit all over the world! Stratford has ambitions to be world class - that makes it a no brainer for me 😊

Anonymous

1/13/2023 06:46 PM

I would like the city to do everything it can to ensure that smaller businesses have the means to participate in this program. That help might be sending people to help do setup, or a sliding fee scale to make it affordable.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 06:47 PM

Lower the cost to the businesses. They already pay tax for their business why should they pay more

Anonymous

1/13/2023 06:58 PM

don't stop this program

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:14 PM

Love the program, would be more likely to eat at a restaurant with a patio than without a patio

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:20 PM

I love how these patios have added something more to downtown. Having the patio options are a great addition to the restaurants, and how they look at night, adds more charm to downtown.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:39 PM

There is no use for them anymore. Ugly and takes up parking spaces.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:48 PM

I would rather give up the Albert St parking lot and dedicate that space to outdoor eating (as well as Market Square), and return the parallel parking spots on the other streets in front of the businesses I'd like to visit to actual parking spots. I have patronized one of these patios, and I did not enjoy the experience at all., so I am not at all keen to do it again. I have enjoyed the more private outdoor eating areas at several restaurants which are NOT on sidewalks. There are so many other picturesque spots and shaded/sheltered places to sit more comfortably and enjoy food than right out in the middle of people trying simply to get their business completed.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 07:46 PM

The walk ways should be built better. These walks way were originally built to be a 1 year solution and the wear and tear on taking them in and out shows. The opportunity these bring to the city and local businesses is great, but if they choose to continue the program work should be put in to upgrade the wall ways.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:14 PM

Tourists (and locals) love patios. Many communities were doing what Stratford did long before Covid. Without these sidewalk extensions, patio options in Stratford are very limited. I think these patios are very beneficial to our tourism objectives, and to local residents as well

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:30 PM

Keep it going!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:34 PM

Please continue outdoor patios downtown. As a resident I will walk considering parking.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:35 PM

I think Stratford is in need of a community that continues to extend beyond the walls of our businesses. I think initiatives like the patios create a more appealing and exciting city to visit and they add vibrancy to what could very easily slip into being a sleepy old town with no culture and night life.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:32 PM

It's such a great option for all clients - nice to have an outdoor option.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:40 PM

Hide kgl under a patio

Anonymous

1/13/2023 08:55 PM

Loved being able to enjoy the summer weather on downtown patios

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:03 PM

It's definitely an asset to the city's downtown. I want to go downtown in the summer to hang out on a patio. It's great

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:04 PM

It is great ! It makes the downtown way more appealing

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:08 PM

Great addition to the downtown.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:09 PM

City should want to help restaurants and businesses succeed and do well.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:19 PM

With restaurants having a hard time staffing their restaurants (wait times for food have increased everywhere) it seems a bit impractical to add to their seating area so they can sit more people but the overall experience will be less pleasant.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 09:57 PM

Keep the patios. Great vibe for the downtown.

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:00 PM

Make this program a reoccurring event

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:07 PM

I live downtown ID be happy to talk to anyone that will listen I have videos and audio recordings you can reach me at

██████████ It is a very BAD situation that needs some attention and NOT a good look for tourists! Contact me I'll talk to you and show you .

Anonymous

1/13/2023 10:57 PM

It would be more pleasant if the huge transport trucks weren't allowed to come through the city!

Anonymous

1/13/2023 11:30 PM

Please continue the program at minimal cost to the businesses. I support tax dollars being used to help with this program.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:01 AM

I can't believe we have to keep going over this. Yes, yes, yes to the outdoor patios. EVERY other city has them. They are an attraction. COVID has not gone away and patios give an outdoor alternative. I'm a resident and never have trouble parking for the few spaces that get taken up. Please keep the patios.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:04 AM

DON'T CANCEL IT OR TINKER WITH IT....governments have a habit of taking a good thing and thinking they can improve it...only to end up ruining it.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:15 AM

I hope that you can look at other cities like Toronto that have embraced using outdoor space to enhance tourism and will continue to commit to supporting small business recovery.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:14 AM

It's overpriced and the craftsmanship is poor. Our patio was a massive trip hazard and the city did nothing to fix it .

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:34 AM

Patios add an inviting vibe and draw in visitors

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:45 AM

Business owners are struggling to stay open,the City should not be charging them to use a bit of sidewalk.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 02:05 AM

Every restaurant wanting a sidewalk patio should have to build a seperate sidewalk.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 02:21 AM

The extensions and there upkeep, installation and storage should be paid by the restaurants that benefit and the revenue lost to the city from the parking spaces should also be paid by the restaurants. There is significant value for those businesses. It is also a competitive advantage. I would certainly think

Anonymous

1/14/2023 07:12 AM

I think they're good but shouldn't just be handed out for a low rate because you happen to have a sidewalk in front of your business. Make them a bit more expensive do that it becomes a business decision.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 07:32 AM

I don't think the businesses should have to pay extra for the space, I think it'll be a huge drive for the city. Kingston ON has a downtown program where half of the main road downtown closes for pedestrians and patio extensions. There were yard games and selfie areas huge draw to the city. Also Barrie had an similar outdoor patio program it was pedestrian friendly & allowed restaurants to expand.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 07:51 AM

A patio draws me to a restaurant so much more in the summer if it has outdoor seating

Anonymous

1/14/2023 07:53 AM

The patios makers the down town look alive! It feels inviting and the place to be.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 08:06 AM

Keep the costs down for the businesses. This isn't a cash grab for the city.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 08:25 AM

The fees are too high for the businesses to do this here.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 08:31 AM

It's wonderful to be able to be outside at a restaurant!

Anonymous

1/14/2023 08:41 AM

Do it every year. Also put tables, and more greenery in market square. Allow drinking on the island. Allow restaurants to deliver/serve Market Square. All of this makes the city vibrant, alive, tourist destination, with a European vibe.

Anonymous

Please keep it! It's a great idea for smaller restaurants that don't have

1/14/2023 08:47 AM

the benefit of outdoor patios. Residents and visitors love being outside in the summer months!

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:08 AM

This is one of the positive things that have happened in Stratford due to the COVID pandemic - the patio program! As a resident and frequent user of our beautiful parks system and restaurant/cafe outdoor patios, I appreciate 'the Montreal/European flavour' in our community. There are many benefits of sitting on an outdoor patio on a lovely spring evening - appreciating the architectural landscape, enjoying the 'buzz' of people walking (the strollers, the shoppers, the dog walkers), choosing the wide variety of food and getting out of my house environment (work-at-home in front of a computer most of the day and only 2 people in our household). There are many social, health benefits, economic and community inclusion benefits through this impressive outdoor patio program spawned by COVID. It's my understanding that we - as a community - will continue to learn how to live with infectious respiratory viruses. Outdoor patios are just one of the solutions and options for people to enjoy the outdoors and interacting in our community that brings the 'world to us' through the arts and restaurants. Keep the outdoor patio program going. Do an evaluation involving the diverse users in the summer season and go beyond this on-line survey.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:00 AM

If patios are taking up parking space they need to cover the revenue lost for those spaces. Parking is already an issue and if the city is losing those spots they should not be losing out on that money too. A restaurant with 20 patio seats would be pulling in at least an additional \$2500 in revenue a week.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 08:55 AM

Love sitting on the patios enjoying the outdoors.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:05 AM

The patios make Stratford's downtown vibrant. The patios are always full of people enjoying themselves. We need this every summer.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:05 AM

Please please keep them

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:15 AM

The patio extension is a great idea. Everyone (locals and visitors I talk to) seem to love it! Please keep it up!

Anonymous

I do believe it is time to start charging restaurants reasonable rent for

1/14/2023 09:40 AM

the additional revenue space. I also think city parking lots need to be better serviced to encourage people to park there, especially the free lots. No one I know and have spoken to wants to park in a lot hosting a homeless encampment. Other public safety measures should be taken such as better lighting, smooth walking surfaces, and even limited/focused video surveillance with clear signage letting the public know the area is under surveillance. Locals are more concerned about the convenience lost in losing parking spaces, but visitors (and people who work in city centre) are concerned about safety - both personal and their property. This plus more care taken to extend sidewalks over uneven ground, and you have my full support as a local resident to continue the program.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:44 AM

This patio program is super important. My husband is a chef, so I know it helps businesses. I wish there were more of them. If we close the downtown near city hall to cars, just foot traffic, it would be cool to have all patios March to October at least. I would allow patios to stay open all winter!!! Covid is not over. Indoor spreads transmission. We need patios for those who do not want to eat indoors and get sick over and over again. Many still don't feel comfortable eating indoors.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:40 AM

It is a pleasant plus to the downtown. Great for the city, great for residents, great for tourists, great for businesses. Always nice when you can enjoy the fresh air and the beauty of the city

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:39 AM

They should continue. It is a wonderful experience, so well utilized..I do wish the noisy traffic could be dealt with

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:52 AM

I support continuing this program as it provides residents and visitors who are not comfortable eating indoors with an opportunity to continue to support local restaurants via outdoor patio use.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 09:59 AM

Love patio season, can't wait!

Anonymous

1/14/2023 10:22 AM

I would consider giving other retail stores the opportunity to extend outside (Sidewalk sale style). During the summer months this will give store owners the ability to carry more inventory and increase the amount of sales.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 10:27 AM

Please continue the out door patios

Anonymous

1/14/2023 10:35 AM

Add more patio spaces

Anonymous

1/14/2023 10:33 AM

Love the relaxed Euro feel.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 10:39 AM

This should be a continuous program for the summer/fall months.
What an amazing idea for more foot traffic as well customers for all businesses that can utilize these patios.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 10:43 AM

Make Wellington St and the Square pedestrian only in the summer months. No vehicles. Start with a pilot project.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 10:53 AM

Most of the patios looked nice, others looked barely used and unkempt. Walking around them was difficult, sometimes having to go on road. Caused more loitering smokers on sidewalks.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 11:01 AM

If there is a patio program it should be available to all restaurants in city limits not just downtown .. and they should pay for all costs related to the outdoor space (fencing etc) plus pay to use public land . I feel for the retailers as they count on the parking for customers to shop .. many times I pass on going downtown as no parking available that is close to the store . I don't think taking away parking is fair for them . And before 2020 I am not sure this would even come up in discussion. Why are we not going back to pre 2020 rules on patios if there are no restrictions any more . There were still many patios downtown and ones that restaurants paid good money to build . I found the meters confusing with new app .. can you still use coins too ? Just as an aside comment to downtown issues . When is free parking ? Just Saturdays in winter ? Not well publicized in social media .

Anonymous

1/14/2023 11:05 AM

As a response to Covid OK but enough already!

Anonymous

1/14/2023 11:29 AM

As a resident I find lack of parking due to patios taking spots (and not everyone can use Cooper site) deters me from coming downtown to eat or shop. As an example I recently changed our pharmacy and didn't even consider Sinclairs due to the parking issue. I think with the current covid situation restaurants can return to their business model before.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 11:25 AM

This is a great program that I asked City Council to implement in 2017 after seeing it work in Barrie Ontario. It's great, lay on MacDuff.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 11:35 AM

Love the summer patio atmosphere. So fun and welcoming

Anonymous

1/14/2023 11:49 AM

More seating

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:07 PM

Good program

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:21 PM

Continue. It's great.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:39 PM

Comments I heard from visitors were supportive.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:40 PM

It makes downtown more appealing in the good weather. Please continue or expand or change traffic patterns to make the whole downtown pedestrian friendly.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:40 PM

I think they are great!

Anonymous

1/14/2023 12:57 PM

Build parking at the Cooper site if that's the main issue

Anonymous

1/14/2023 01:06 PM

Patios are a great way for restaurants to add space for the summer and delightful for diners to be able to enjoy the outdoors.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 01:19 PM

It creates crowds during pandemics and chaos downtown

Anonymous

1/14/2023 01:49 PM

Amazing program that helps our local restaurants stay profitable and create a vibrant downtown scene on summer nights.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 01:49 PM

Make it permanent!

Anonymous

1/14/2023 03:03 PM

I do really like the efforts to add tables downtown and in the parks for people to eat takeout.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 03:11 PM

Patios get more people uptown and spending more money, as we can sit outside and enjoy the sun in the summer

Anonymous

1/14/2023 03:45 PM

Great use of space, wonderful to eat outside. Great for business and attracting tourists.

Anonymous

1/14/2023 04:08 PM

I really enjoyed everything about the patios in Stratford. It gives Stratford a very European/Montreal feel to the city and enhances the experience. As a resident, it's great seeing people one knows when walking by...a quick chat, a friendly hello, nice to see neighbours alive and well, as well as a very nice small town experience. Also, patios seem to bring the downtown alive - outside talking, laughter. Downside... large trucks on Ontario St... especially pig trucks... not a pleasant outdoor smell with food. Any chance of rerouting these trucks around Stratford???

Anonymous

1/14/2023 04:38 PM

I have none

Anonymous

1/14/2023 04:48 PM

I would hope the city has the foresight to see that patios in the summer have way more positives than negatives, mental health, more capacity for downtown businesses to make money when they need to, enjoyment for residents, more room for visitors to find a place to enjoy stratford dining, and many more positives

Anonymous

1/14/2023 06:00 PM

It is puzzling to me, as a resident of the City of Stratford, that the municipal government does a lot of hand-wringing over what happens on Huron Street and Ontario Street (e.g. parades) because they are considered "provincial highways", yet there is no hesitation to route pedestrian traffic onto the asphalt and protect people with only wooden handrails. I have never liked the idea of giving over a public thoroughway (i.e. a sidewalk) to the benefit of private interests. One would think that the entire economy hinges on a handful of restaurants. Surprise me, and have more consideration for the people who live here.

Anonymous

Keep. The more outdoor dining options the better.

1/14/2023 07:13 PM

Anonymous

Great program

1/14/2023 07:30 PM

Anonymous

Really enjoy the experience

1/14/2023 08:09 PM

Anonymous

While the patio program made sense during the height of Covid - allowing restaurants to stay open and patrons to dine safely - the time has passed. Now, it significantly limits critical parking in the downtown core. I can imagine that non- restaurant businesses feel their post-Covid interests (parking for customers, clear sidewalks) have been negatively impacted while restaurants are being given special considerations.

1/14/2023 08:15 PM

Anonymous

Eliminate city providing financial assistance

1/14/2023 09:37 PM

Anonymous

The more the better

1/14/2023 09:54 PM

Anonymous

See above. More patios and entertainment bring vibrancy to downtown core. Shut the whole downtown off to cars for july and august and make it all pedestrian and patios like European cities.

1/14/2023 10:03 PM

Anonymous

Loving patios with and without kids...patio potential endless and exciting..Many European cities, have closed streets at certain times, some with shuttles from car parks or carriages in winter to downtown massive Christmas markets- 100's vendors-decor with 1000's of lights. Also some cities close downtown streets for larger on street patios, music festivals on Friday, Saturday eves...becomes an evening walk about experience, eat, enjoy entertainment, shop, socialize on patios, under tents and ...it's safe with no traffic. So much more potential for our downtown between 6pm and 10pm, and on weekends ...in the winter too!!! Love this city- let's keep exploring wonderful creative ways for us locals and our wonderful guests and tourists to enjoy and celebrate its restaurants, shops and wonderful core!!!

1/14/2023 10:25 PM

Anonymous

1. Put more parking to replace the ones taken over by the patio. 2. Make the walk way wider to allow two people to walk through 3. Merge the ends better with the side walk to make for a better and

1/15/2023 12:37 AM

natural transition for path of travel 4. More decorations to the patio walking paths for each business to add beauty to the downtown area

Anonymous

1/15/2023 06:54 AM

Please keep it going, it's great for the city.

Anonymous

1/15/2023 07:39 AM

Would like to see more patio areas including on the market place downtown.

Anonymous

1/15/2023 08:03 AM

The city patios add so much. They get people outside and enjoying the environment. They may be easier for some to access. They add floor space to businesses and foster a better income in peak season. They create a festive and social vibe on the street. They may feel like a safer place for those not wanting to dine inside yet. If only we could close Ontario Street for the summer and make it a pedestrian space. :-)

Anonymous

1/15/2023 09:45 AM

This program is essential in creating a downtown stratford that is forward facing. Expand it.

Anonymous

1/15/2023 09:58 AM

Can't eat inside or outside if there is no place to park. Come enjoy our patio but sorry, it's actually your parking space. I don't like eating in a parking lot with car exhaust fumes everywhere. There is also the problem of people walking pets. I don't enjoy eating while I see a pet lift its leg or worse, squat, while I am trying to eat.

Anonymous

1/15/2023 10:04 AM

Please continue this!

Anonymous

1/15/2023 11:08 AM

Add more Parking

Anonymous

1/15/2023 11:20 AM

This is only a benefit to our city. If you are talking about drawing visitors/tourists to the downtown core, this would do it. Most people look for this when type of atmosphere when travelling. It brings people together and makes people happy. There's nothing better than looking down a street at night and all the patio lights are lit and the street is buzzing with people. There is ample parking elsewhere that can accommodate for the spaces used up. If we want to keep our downtown core thriving, we need to allow patios as a major source of income during tourist season. And the locals very much enjoy it as well!!

Anonymous

1/15/2023 12:01 PM

Why are your choices poor somewhat poor and neutral ? Not an effective survey

Anonymous

1/15/2023 12:22 PM

Don't add any costs to resident taxes for the patio program. Most residents don't get a chance to use them, don't benefit from the program and shouldn't have to pay for it.

Anonymous

1/15/2023 12:54 PM

Do not under any circumstances bring it back. Only a handful of people like them. Walking through clouds of smoke is unhealthy. If you keep bringing this program back, I and other will not go downtown but rather elsewhere where there is parking.

Anonymous

1/15/2023 02:28 PM

As above, let owners decided if they want to open their patios. Obviously without the boardwalks but a few tables in the sidewalk.

Anonymous

1/15/2023 11:19 PM

I am a life long resident in Stratford. We need more downtown parking. I avoid downtown now in the summer as it's difficult to find parking when the patios are taking up space. I want to support these businesses, but I can't get to them. It's very frustrating.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 01:11 AM

Seeing people enjoying each other's company, food, beverage is a great experience. Not only does it make you want to sit out at those venues, but gives an upbeat vibrant feel to the dining and entertainment aspect of the city.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 07:14 AM

I just moved to Stratford last summer. I love the patios. Reminds me of Europe where there are many . Why not sit outside and make the most of our short summers? Great to people watch and I think they likely pull in business for the retailers. A bit like Belmont Ave in Kitchener Waterloo which people love.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 08:39 AM

They were a perfect solution when we needed to keep the downtown operating during Covid, not it's time to go, so residents and visitors can walk freely downtown without patios in the way. Under no circumstances is this a beautification project in our downtown.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 08:42 AM

Overcrowded sidewalks to facilitate onstreet parking is not the best way to provide a safe and enjoyable downtown, whatever we can do

to limit interaction between cars and people will help keep downtown stratford a destination to visit!

Anonymous

1/16/2023 08:52 AM

I hope it becomes permanent. It would be amazing to have more places with a view of the river. What about buskers or street musicians and general entertainment? Thanks for doing this. Its really added to the magic and ambiance of Stratford. Heaters as it gets chilly would be great too. Like they do in Paris.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 09:01 AM

My wife and I have enjoyed several patio dinners each summer since they began. I think it adds a great atmosphere. While parking is negatively impacted to a degree, we weren't too inconvenienced. The Erie Street parking lot has always had open spaces when we needed and walking through Allen's Alley is a great shortcut. I'm not sure, however, if it's that much of a financial benefit to businesses if it costs them so much to 'license' a patio for drinking, etc. Also, staffing the outdoor spaces may be more challenging. I guess it's up to the businesses to decide if they really found a benefit from the patio spaces. We spoke at length to one restaurant owner who was very annoyed at the cost of the license and the way the seating/alcohol licenses were handled.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 09:41 AM

The City policies for patios should go back to their previous program, pre-COVID. The number of people visiting Stratford has continued to rise. There should be no reason at this time that a restaurant needs to inconvenience or put anyone on the sidewalks of Stratford at any fear or use valuable parking for pedestrian, unsafe walkways. Most of these businesses have existing private patios, example: Market Square, a coffee shop that takes up parking that could be more useful to her potential customers. Others need to go the route of the City and make the application process yearly for sidewalk patios. If there is anything that could be done by the City, perhaps they should lessen the fees for street patios to businesses. That could work as a compensation for this year.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 09:37 AM

We love visiting Stratford and since the patio program started it has made or visits that much more enjoyable in the Summer. Being outside enjoying great food and drinks and having good conversation with residents and other visitors makes us want to keep coming back for years to come.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 10:02 AM

I only replied "neural" because it's a bit tricky for us. We know that most people love the patios, and we've enjoyed them ourselves, so

we see them as a positive thing for the city. Our only concern with them is that they block visibility to the businesses on the other side. We've had feedback from customers who say that they saw the patios, and either couldn't see that there was anything on the other side worth visiting, or didn't feel comfortable passing the busy patios, so they turned around and went back the other way. Thankfully, those customers still managed to find us later, but we wonder how many didn't. I'm not sure that there's anything that can be done about it--it's just part of the package of pros and cons that come with any situation. I'm not sure if a sign can be placed at each end: "Lots of great businesses ahead!" or something? Either way, the patios are good for the city as a whole, and we're thankful to see a busy, vibrant downtown with bustling sidewalks and happy people, so we'd like to see them stay.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 10:11 AM

I very much support this initiative. Makes street scene more lively & welcoming; benefits restos, staff, and customers. Only drawback is many are on Ont St which suffers from way too much truck traffic.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 10:10 AM

Increase pedestrian traffic and safety and limit vehicles during this time period, maybe even temporarily making roads one way?

Anonymous

1/16/2023 10:49 AM

I think the patio program should run for at least one more year (2023) to help restaurants catch up on their lost revenue from the last few years

Anonymous

1/16/2023 10:59 AM

Personally, as a resident , I wish the city would block off Wellington Street from Downie to Patrick and the market square during the summer months and make it a pedestrian only area. There is lots of parking in the city as long as people could only walk and extra 100 feet

Anonymous

1/16/2023 11:45 AM

I hope the city keeps this program running and keeps it cost effective for all restaurants. I think the lost parking spots is a small price to pay and the benefits to businesses and tourism far out weigh the lost revenue.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 01:01 PM

The businesses should not have to pay any fees. The patios attract visitors and economy perks to the City. Restaurant Owners are still trying to recover from Covid-19 shut downs.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 01:32 PM

It is great to see rookie enjoying themselves outside. This does draw others to stay at that location or in the city as a total. A very welcoming feature.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 01:50 PM

I do hope Stratford keeps them.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 02:10 PM

Patios should be larger and have the ability to be more permanent. Stratford needs to shift the focus of the downtown from cars and parking to walking and make the downtown more accessible for pedestrians.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 03:20 PM

As a new resident to Stratford, I love the Downstairs and the patios. Well done

Anonymous

1/16/2023 03:25 PM

Great program. If paid for by participating businesses

Anonymous

1/16/2023 04:12 PM

Walkway & patio tables for eating are NOT 2 metres apart Plus looks tacky and Takes up parking spaces

Anonymous

1/16/2023 04:41 PM

More incentive to have a patio....media focus on one patio a week....something like that....I really enjoy that you can order from wherever and enjoy lunch AND a drink wherever.....my family often comes from out of town and we go to Tom Patterson Island!

Anonymous

1/16/2023 04:53 PM

The program adds vibrancy to our downtown. Residents and visitors always appear to be enjoying themselves when in/on the patios.

Anonymous

1/16/2023 06:47 PM

Keep it going! It enlivens the whole downtown atmosphere

Anonymous

1/16/2023 06:58 PM

Restaurants should find and follow City supplied guidelines.

Anonymous

1/17/2023 07:04 AM

I personally believe it's up to the business itself if they want to have a patio. I think they should be allowed. Some patrons like myself enjoy sitting out on a patio on a nice evening or day

Anonymous

1/17/2023 07:34 AM

These patios are an eyesore, a safety hazard, and legitimately deter retail shoppers by taking up retail parking spaces. If a restaurant opens downtown in a location with no patio space, that was a choice by that business owner. The rest of us should not have to suffer loss of customer parking due to bad business choices of others.

Anonymous

1/17/2023 09:36 AM

Give tourists more parking

Anonymous

1/17/2023 09:41 AM

I like the patios that have planters and are well looked after. They are beneficial to the downtown area - and should be accomadated.

Anonymous

1/17/2023 10:04 AM

Have a tiered program that also takes into account the type of establishment. An establishment selling higher ticket items and alcohol should not have the same structure as a smaller establishment selling beverages and snacks.

Anonymous

1/17/2023 11:01 AM

Shotasge of parking without them

Anonymous

1/17/2023 01:02 PM

Please make a good decision and keep these patios!!

Anonymous

1/17/2023 01:03 PM

Friends were able to visit and we enjoyed time at local restaurants because of the patios

Anonymous

1/17/2023 05:53 PM

Keep it going!

Anonymous

1/17/2023 06:19 PM

Do NOT charge them a fee . They are barely surviving. AND we need to attract FOOD tourists. Ever heard of them ?

Anonymous

1/18/2023 02:07 PM

Please do not get rid of this great program

Anonymous

1/18/2023 03:11 PM

They are unsafe. Diasbled people have to cross poorly filled in flower beds and gravel infills to get around it.They negatively affect neighboring businesses. They teap garbage and debris. They cause customers to be distracted as they approach and miss retail stores directly adjacent to the bump out. They take up valuable parking. They are an eye sore. Covid restrictions are over and so should this

temporary program to help out restaurants. This program causes harm to lots of businesses but only directly helps a couple of restaurants and not the downtown shopping and eating experience as a whole.

Anonymous

1/18/2023 08:16 PM

Why has it been so difficult and has taken so long!

Anonymous

1/19/2023 07:28 AM

The extra patio space allows for more business at our busy restaurants, and they just give a welcoming vibe for a good night out. We absolutely love them.

Anonymous

1/19/2023 08:38 AM

Amazing option to get out and patron restaurants while being covid safe, but also enjoying the nice weather, and those that are dog friendly so our quiet, well behaved senior pup can get some stimulation are our first choices!

Anonymous

1/20/2023 05:40 PM

Every city/town that I have visited that attracts tourists has sidewalk patios. They are a boon to the city as well as the local businesses. I have frequented these patios here in Stratford and have observed they are very well attended. It would be a real shame and a step backwards to stop such a successful program that is great for both residents and visitors. Keep the patios PLEASE!

Anonymous

1/20/2023 07:32 PM

This brings so much positive to our downtown. Keep it ongoing

Anonymous

1/22/2023 05:55 PM

I love the patios! Please keep them going!

Anonymous

1/23/2023 10:44 AM

As a new resident to Stratford, the patios were a definite attraction for me in deciding to move here. They are beautiful and encourage people to be out and about!!

Anonymous

1/25/2023 01:55 PM

Wondering if smoking is allowed on the patios. If so, people walking by may be offended and not appreciate the smoke. Usually, smoking is to be quite a distance away from the entrance of a building and it would affect the others outside eating. I have been in that situation and not liked it. When the area is full, it would be difficult to get away from. I realize it gives the businesses more clients, but at what cost to others with the smoking, noise and loss of parking.

Anonymous

1/25/2023 09:07 PM

The program is great. allow live entertainment (small groups) in the patio area or adjacent to the patio

Anonymous

1/26/2023 09:59 AM

I love them and enjoy seeing people sitting outside having a good time.

Anonymous

1/26/2023 06:14 PM

As new residents (2 yrs) find patios refreshing to enjoy during the summer months, attractive addition to downtown core, nice touch for both residents and tourists. Nice to be able to sit outside either day or evenings during beautiful weather

Anonymous

1/27/2023 01:06 PM

Please don't stop!

Anonymous

1/27/2023 05:58 PM

There is nothing better than enjoying a good meal and/or beverage on an outdoor patio in good weather!!!

Anonymous

1/28/2023 09:54 AM

There are enough parking lots that we can use street parking to continue the program

Anonymous

1/29/2023 10:44 PM

we should have more traffic free areas in order to have more patio type areas.

Anonymous

1/30/2023 12:35 PM

Great for tourist , city residents and local businesses [not only restaurants]

Anonymous

1/31/2023 07:39 PM

Please make them as affordable as possible for participating restaurants bars and cafes. The patios add so much to the streetwise that any costs bourn by the City are more that repaid by making the City more beautiful, more welcoming, safer all to the benefit of residents and visitors alike.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:13 AM

Desperately short of downtown parking which discourages locals from running errands, I spend less \$ in downtown Stratford than I used to because it has become a habit to avoid downtown in all seasons.


2/01/2023 10:15 AM

I really like the program. For the loss of just a dozen or so parking spaces, we can an excellent program that makes our City more attractive and allows our restaurants to expand their seating capacity. Win win, in my opinion.

Anonymous
2/01/2023 04:38 PM

It should no longer use downtown parking spaces as there are other businesses being affected with the decreased parking spaces.

Anonymous
2/01/2023 04:41 PM

Sorry I already answered this in the previous question. Patios are a good idea. Period!

Anonymous
2/01/2023 04:39 PM

Please allow patios to continue. Summer is short and it's so enjoyable to be outside and also safer for many people.

Anonymous
2/01/2023 04:41 PM

Encourage locals to bike or walk downtown if possible due to limited parking.

Anonymous
2/01/2023 04:44 PM

With restaurants open to dine in again why continue with the patio's

Anonymous
2/01/2023 04:48 PM

I hope it continues

Anonymous
2/01/2023 04:49 PM

I have MS, use a scooter and LOVE the accessibility of patios!

Anonymous
2/01/2023 04:49 PM

Make pet friendly

Anonymous
2/01/2023 04:58 PM

The Covid pandemic is NOT OVER, despite goverments and many business interests Canada-wise pretending otherwise. The most important reason for continuing with the patio program is to KEEP US AND OUR VISITORS SAFE. Certainly, some of the patios and their walkarounds were initially put in a place in a hurry (in the belief they would be only until the disease disappeared), and such areas could definitely use some paint and other cosmetic upgrades if they are to become permanent, to be in sync with our visually beautiful downtown core, benefitting residents and visitors alike.

Anonymous

I really enjoy the patios as an area resident (!). I am concerned about

2/01/2023 05:07 PM

the loss of parking spaces in the downtown core and the impact that displaced vehicles has on surrounding private property owners. Some restaurants go to great expense to have and maintain parking and patio space available on their own properties. It doesn't seem fair to remove shared public parking spaces and to allow use of the public sidewalk in front of their businesses when they selected these locations knowing the limits. Again, I really enjoy the patios though. I just wonder if this program is fair to businesses that have taken on the expense to have a patio and parking on their own property, not the city's. Businesses participating MUST pay for the benefit(!) but I do feel the program is good for the community overall.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:05 PM

I think it allows for more customers to attend the local restaurants and gives people an option to enjoy the day. I remember certain businesses had them because there was sidewalk space and this option allows for more business to choose to have them.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:06 PM

No

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:12 PM

Taking away parking space to allow larger patios seemed to be an effort to help businesses during Covid. Ok. Restrictions on indoor dining are no more.. so reduce the size of those patios!

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:07 PM

Seems like it produces a monopoly of people on Ontario street patios
People are staying on Ontario street and not making their way through the rest of downtown

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:10 PM

The patios are a great addition. Every city with any class and style has great patios. They make Stratford a much better destination and much more fun and engaging for all.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:12 PM

Great for dining.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:15 PM

I think this is a great program that brings a fabulous vibe to the downtown in summer!

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:19 PM

It's a great initiative and a fantastic way to help businesses thrive.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:29 PM

I love this program. I didn't like all the traffic when out on a patio before the walkways. Now it feels like more of a patio vs sitting in the side of a busy street. The large patios give more capacity to busy restaurants during tourist season. So great to offer for tourists and residents. For the few parking spots we lost, it's not a concern As there is a complete lack of spots in the summer, a few more spots would not make a difference. Something that started as a solution during COVID that we should keep for businesses, residents and tourists.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:27 PM

This is the single best idea/program the city has run, it has changed the downtown experience for the better. Parking is not an issue at all, there is plenty of it.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:43 PM

I think it makes the downtown feel more lively and inviting. Given that parking is always a gigantic rage-inducing concern - perhaps some shuttle services from Cooper to downtown, to the theatres on a standard rotation in season. Open air bus? Hop on hop off type? Would be beneficial all year but makes most sense in season. Would be great to encourage downtown workers to park outside of the core.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:43 PM

I think it's a great idea for the local businesses and helps to increase their revenue by providing outdoor dining options and additional seating.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:42 PM

What a wonderful way to accommodate both residents and tourists!

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:53 PM

Great addition to vibrancy of downtown

Anonymous

2/01/2023 05:54 PM

Love the city's patio program. As a resident and for visitors. I think it should continue.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:10 PM

I think the patios are great! I would love to see more of them. This may need a parking lot just outside the downtown core with a shuttle into the downtown. But - anything to encourage walking to explore the business and enjoy the patios would be great. This may encourage people who work Downtown use a parking alternative with a shuttle keeping more spots open.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:14 PM

We live in a country that gets a lot of winter and we can't enjoy outdoor spaces for long. I think this is a great way to pull people into town and locals out of their homes to enjoy the summer months.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:11 PM

Because it takes up parking spaces. Do not charge for any parking.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:17 PM

Do something to stop the cars and trucks and motorcycles with loud exhausts from cruising up and down Ontario (and to a lesser extent Downie). I am sure the town has excessive noise bylaws that could be enforced. I will be happy to help fund a decibel meter. Really detracts from the patio experience.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:15 PM

Only problem with the patios is the parking spaces they take up but overall they are nice to have.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:41 PM

Open spaces to enjoy the weather and city views makes summer patios a very attractive element for enjoying the city. Making space for people over cars is very positive.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:26 PM

Love the program.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:29 PM

They should continue to have outdoor patios. Covid is not over and some people feel safer outside in the fresh air. Plus it helps out the restaurants that had such a hard time over the past few years.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:27 PM

It was an excellent idea. The weather is so lovely, and this town could have the appearance of a bustling European town square - I'm all for the scheme. If trucks could be pushed to alternative routes around the town, it'd be better for the ambience.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:31 PM

Makes down town nearly impossible to park.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:33 PM

I will not support anything that takes up parking spaces. More parking equals more visitors.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:41 PM

The cost of licensing these patios should be established and FROZEN for a minimum of 5 years to help maintain cost increases to

the consumers possibly driving business away!!

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:50 PM

The patio program was a fantastic idea! I think the residents of Stratford and tourists alike have enjoyed dining in these beautiful outdoor spaces. They give our downtown a welcoming, lively ambiance. It would be nice to see even more patios installed!

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:53 PM

The more patios the better for the city

Anonymous

2/01/2023 06:53 PM

I can't eat indoors at restaurants, the pandemic isn't over for chronically ill and disabled. It's a great way to go out when it didn't feel safe to eat indoors still

Anonymous

2/01/2023 07:22 PM

I would love to see unused public space or patio spaces for unleashed buildings open to the public to drop in and have a seat. We don't really have that other than market square. For example, the unused patio space in front of the former Downie Street Burger could be utilised.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 07:27 PM

Witnessed multiple people of all ages in nearby accidents out my windows, and while downtown. People unable to see past boardwalks. Cars parking wrongly causing traffic issues. Etc.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 07:28 PM

I would like to see them continue.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 07:37 PM

This program adds a vibrancy to the downtown that benefits everyone.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 07:44 PM

1. It would be interesting to know if the patios have increased business. Have they attracted additional patrons or has the number of patrons simply shifted outdoors? 2. Would restaurants support the idea of a two-price system -- a price for eating/drinking inside and a higher "patio price" to account for the extra work that servers have to do by going outside -- up and down steps and stairs, opening doors, hard concrete, etc. It strikes me that the patios probably have somewhat slower service, since servers are usually servicing tables that are further from the kitchen. Their wages should reflect that extra work. The premium price for patio service would help solve that.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 07:49 PM

Anonymous

2/01/2023 07:56 PM

Takes up too much valuable parking. Good idea if more parking was available

Anonymous

2/01/2023 08:09 PM

Keep it going

Anonymous

2/01/2023 08:21 PM

In such a beautiful city, it is so nice to be able to enjoy amazing local food outside. Separating the customers sitting on the patio from traffic with the walkway is brilliant and the walkways are beautifully built.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 08:36 PM

I would strongly encourage the city to consider even expanding the program. Certainly do NOT restrict it - it provides such a value and draw for the downtown core. My partner and I went down at least weekly to sit on a patio, which we would not have done if we had to sit indoors. We enjoyed it so much we deliberately had family and friends from out of town come just so we could sit on patios and enjoy the downtown.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 08:42 PM

More umbrella and shade downtown.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 08:51 PM

The flowers are beautiful, the walkway is smooth to walk on even with wheels. It's really wonderful.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 09:00 PM

I love this program. The businesses also do an awesome job in keeping them appealing with lights and flowers. I can easily navigate my stroller around them. Hoping this program continues

Anonymous

2/01/2023 09:09 PM

So relaxing to sit outdoors

Anonymous

2/01/2023 09:12 PM

Please Consider providing free parking or reserved limited parking for residents (like drop off pickup zone) in summertime for banking and supporting dt business for locals (sometimes we need to drop in for a quick time and leave on a lunch break etc)

Anonymous

2/01/2023 09:29 PM

The patio extensions are a wonderful idea, especially in the warmer months when it's nice to be seated outside. Its nice as an option when visiting your favourite restaurant that may not have a permanent patio already. It adds a unique feel to the downtown core! There is plenty of parking within walking distance downtown as it is, and the abundance of patios is a very worthwhile trade to lose a few parking spots.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 09:33 PM

Patios , bring , another element to dining . A great asset to this beautiful city. Many cities and countries live outside for dining as long as they can . Tourists and residents love this element as well . My husband I , frequent our local downtown establishments often , and enjoy every patio . Dining on a patio , whether it be for a lunch or watching the sunset over our beautiful court house. Nothing compares to this .

Anonymous

2/01/2023 09:35 PM

Keep it going!

Anonymous

2/01/2023 09:37 PM

Na

Anonymous

2/01/2023 09:47 PM

The outdoor patios can be nice where there are wider sidewalks (example Ont St) I think some restaurants struggle with getting enough staff & is extra work to serve those outside. Are the outdoor patios accessible?

Anonymous

2/01/2023 09:54 PM

I think it's a great idea to help restaurants increase guest capacity. It also provides more accessible seating for wheelchair users at most locations.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:11 PM

All of my many experiences at these patios have been wonderful. We have so many great restaurants to enjoy.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:15 PM

Patios are the only reason we stay in Stratford when we go out. Other years we would go to a bigger city so we could enjoy sitting outside.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:21 PM

The pandemic is over. Please cancel this nonsense

Anonymous

Question 9 is unclear. Do you mean vehicular parking spaces in a

2/01/2023 10:27 PM

certain area? Many cities are doing this to provide the "third spaces" in urban centres for residents, visitors, etc. but do not frame it as a "taking up" parking space but as an addition of public space. The success of a downtown is not contingent on providing vehicular parking.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:28 PM

Please give business a financial break. They are struggling with post Covid and a recession.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:33 PM

Only offer in areas where there is adequate sidewalk to accommodate and so not take up parking. Add more seating to the area behind city hall and utilize this for outdoor dining for all downtown businesses

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:36 PM

Get rid of it - it clogs up the downtown core due to lack of parking - many residents avoid downtown during patio season due to lack of parking

Anonymous

2/01/2023 10:51 PM

Please continue letting businesses and residents enjoy dining in our beautiful downtown core outdoors!

Anonymous

2/01/2023 11:09 PM

Made the downtown feel vital, interesting and active.

Anonymous

2/01/2023 11:16 PM

It's made this city feel more like home, the board walks are absolutely beautiful, especially with the added flowers

Anonymous

2/01/2023 11:57 PM

I think that the patios add to our downtown core creating a more vibrant experience for tourists as well as residents. Patios are the best meeting spot for friends and having this extra space allows more people to get together and spend their money locally.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 01:20 AM

I found them very awkward to navigate walking by -- it narrowed the walking space so it was very crowded, and there was little space between the walking space and people seated at the outdoor patio -- which I found ironic, because the outdoor patios were a by-product of pandemic precautions to be outdoors with other people, but the patios only brought me into closer contact with people on the patio because they were so close to the walking space, and the walking space was so narrow, there was no option for reasonable distance between people the way there is when just walking along the usual sidewalk

space. The patios were way too big for the sidewalk space, the walking space became way too narrow to be comfortable to navigate, not to mention the awkward transitions from the boardwalks to the sidewalks (bumps and tripping hazards). And not great as someone walking by feeling caught between traffic on one side and patios/patio patrons on the other. Patios, in my opinion, shouldn't be given the whole sidewalk like that, and parking space downtown is limited enough already, so taking parking spaces away didn't help with usability, either -- it all created congestion and crowding and inconvenience, in my opinion. Without actually helping with social distancing.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 07:14 AM

Great addition to Stratford. Surely a big help to the business owners in increasing their capacity and maximizing on the busy season.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 07:23 AM

In no way should costs be passed onto the tax base and while on the topic of costs all store fronts should be responsible for there own snow removal to the roadway so that it can be removed fro the downtown area and fined accordingly if not completed.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 08:18 AM

As people are walking around they are much more likely to sit down outside on a beautiful day than enter a restaurant to enjoy a beverage and food or snack

Anonymous

2/02/2023 08:53 AM

Feels very European.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 08:55 AM

Make it easy for the restaurants

Anonymous

2/02/2023 08:57 AM

Implement them permanently -- make those wooden sidewalk diversion cement

Anonymous

2/02/2023 09:01 AM

Parking should be free and the patios pick up the cost

Anonymous

2/02/2023 09:41 AM

Great way to see the city while enjoying time in the sun!

Anonymous

2/02/2023 10:21 AM

Parking becomes limited. Not worth it as most restaurants already have patios. As a resident I don't want the program to continue

Anonymous

2/02/2023 10:34 AM

I love the patio option for restaurants! Whether we are on a date, or out with our kids, we love the option to sit outside! Thanks for all your hard work

Anonymous

2/02/2023 11:19 AM

I really love the patios. I will seek out restaurants that have them.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 12:06 PM

This patio program is one of SO MANY amazing things Stratford nailed during Covid and I hope you guys continue it! Best city response anywhere in my opinion!

Anonymous

2/02/2023 12:18 PM

Make downtown core pedestrian. Make the Erie St parking into a beautiful thing...look at Copenhagen for inspiration.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 12:57 PM

Close down (some) downtown streets and make them entirely walkable. Increase foot traffic which will benefit local businesses, reduce noise from automobiles and improve safety for pedestrians.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 01:03 PM

As long as we are living with Covid 19 I think we should embrace spaces that allow people to safely distance. It helps business and it helps us as customers.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 01:11 PM

Keep the program! It's awesome downtown

Anonymous

2/02/2023 02:15 PM

Keep it up, it's a lovely addition to the downtown core.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 02:54 PM

It is wonderful to enjoy lunch or dinner outdoors, creates a dynamic friendly atmosphere a 'I must join too'. It's good for business. I am not sure if the material for building these patios are kept, I hope so.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 02:56 PM

Businesses should have the option weather they want to have the patio or not.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 03:14 PM

I was recently in NYC and they are continuing all of their patios (which are covered and heated) and it was great! Stratford's summer patios are fabulous!

Anonymous

2/02/2023 04:12 PM

In most cities this is welcomed and wanted. You guys seem to want gauge local business and drive profits away from our city core. We pay an astronomical amount in taxes and get next to nothing in return. It would be great to have an amazing welcoming downtown for us to enjoy.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 04:16 PM

Love it. Hope it continues. So much pleasanter than sitting inside on a nice day.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 04:48 PM

It's a wonderful experience!

Anonymous

2/02/2023 05:23 PM

Please encourage more business to participate

Anonymous

2/02/2023 06:31 PM

Lovely addition to a fantastic downtown feel

Anonymous

2/02/2023 08:38 PM

Please keep them

Anonymous

2/02/2023 10:03 PM

I would love to see the restaurants in market square have a 'market feel' patio space. In many larger cities they have high traffic streets closed off (for the summer season) to vehicles. Thus way, people can walk around, shop and eat without worrying about vehicles. Our city could thrive on this! Wonderful for tourists and families alike.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 10:29 PM

I think it adds a level of visitor appeal and energy to the downtown core. It creates an interactive experience to those both enjoying the patios, as well as those passing by.

Anonymous

2/02/2023 11:30 PM

The city could provide more greenery to compliment the patios to make it more cozy. It's important for people to enjoy the outdoors while they can.

Anonymous

2/03/2023 12:04 AM

Love the open idea reminds me of Europe

Optional question (446 response(s), 1137 skipped)

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