

**NOTICE OF MOTION**  
**ETOBICOKE YORK COMMUNITY COUNCIL****Pilot Project for Winter cafe Enclosures on St. Clair Avenue West****Moved by:** Councillor Palacio**SUMMARY:**

Currently, licensed café operators who have an agreement with the City to operate a full patio enclosure are permitted to operate the enclosure only between April 1<sup>st</sup> and May 30<sup>th</sup> as well as September 15<sup>th</sup> to November 1<sup>st</sup> of any given year. Many Toronto businesses with full enclosures would like to be given the option of operating them through the winter months, as other Cities allow, to offer customers an “outdoor” dining experience even during the winter months. St. Clair Avenue West is home to several businesses that are enthusiastically looking to participate in a pilot project of this nature.

Without a full enclosure, these patio spaces often go unmaintained and neglected during the winter months. Dozens of businesses have been operating year-round enclosures, without incident or complaint from the local community for years. This is an old bylaw that is badly in need of updating. This proposed pilot is supported in principle by City Staff and strongly supported by the Corso Italia BIA.

**RECOMMENDATIONS:**

- 1) Etobicoke York Community Council request Municipal Licensing and Standards to report on the amendments to the former City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 313, to permit seasonal enclosures, by extending the dates of enclosure operation to include the winter months.
- 2) These patios include Eden Trattoria, 1331 St. Clair Avenue West; Nove Cento, 1228 St. Clair Avenue West; Porto Grill, 1370 St. Clair Avenue West; and other interested establishments with the consent of Municipal Licensing and Standards, relevant City departments and the local City Councillor.

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