



To: Mayor John Tory, Chair and All Executive Committee Members via [exc@toronto.ca](mailto:exc@toronto.ca)

**Re: EX20.6 - Caf  TO and CurbTO - Pandemic Response Programs**

Thank you for all you do in these challenging times.

ORHMA is very supportive of the CurbTO and Caf  TO programs. We applaud the City of Toronto for implementing this impactful program.

COVID-19 has devastated the foodservice sector and opportunities such as this program are critically supportive. The road of recovery will be long and painful. The introduction of CurbTO and Caf  TO (the overall expansion of patios) is a testament of how government collaboration can reduce red tape and speed up success. Thanks to those involved.

The program has been of enormous benefit to those adopting and embracing the concept offering them a life line to keep their doors open and to continue employing their staff. Furthermore, it supports keeping the vitality and vibrancy of communities, a much desirable need in these low-spirited days.

While indoor dining remains to be the effective solution to recovery the access to expanded outdoor seating within this program deserves to be recognized as a contributing driver to those restaurants able to tap into it. Equally, it opens up potential marketing opportunities in the future.

On behalf of our City of Toronto restaurant members we are pleased and appreciative of the Executive Council reviewing the renewal of this program for 2021 with a direction to add enhancements.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Elenis", is positioned below the "Thank you," text.

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