

The Beach BIA

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December 13, 2023

Dear Mayor Chow and Members of Council,

The Beach BIA appreciates the efforts that have been undertaken to respond to the unique challenges facing our small business community over the past number of years such as the CaféTO program, the implementation of the Small Business Property Tax Subclass, and the comprehensive work undertaken as part of the City's interdivisional Night Economy Review.

On behalf of The Beach BIA, I would like to express our full endorsement and support for the motion that will be moved by Councillor Bradford regarding changes to the zoning permissions for Queen Street East, between Woodbine Avenue and Nursewood Road.

These regulations date back to 1985 and have long been identified by our local business community as a barrier to the natural evolution and health of our main street. This includes an existing prohibition against rooftop and backyard patios despite several successful, pre-existing patios that serve as a destination for Torontonians across our city.

Any changes that have the effect of making life easier for small business owners to operate here is greatly appreciated by our membership and residents in The Beach that benefit from access to a vibrant local main street.

We are grateful for the Mayor and Councillors' time and consideration of these changes.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul Biekse", written over a horizontal line.

Paul Biekse
Executive Director
The Beach BIA