



Roncesvalles Village BIA
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Mayor John Tory
Councillor Gord Perks
Executive Committee
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To Mayor John Tory, Councillor Gord Perks, and the City of Toronto Executive Committee,

The Roncesvalles Village BIA board is writing on behalf of our members in reference to the proposed changes to the CaféTO program in 2023.

After reviewing the proposed changes and the staff report, which include recommendations for an application fee, cost per square footage as well as the requirement for a platform, it is our contention that these costs will result in making the CaféTO program prohibitively expensive and therefore out of reach for most of our eateries.

The CaféTO program has benefited many restaurants since its creation in 2020, and we are appreciative that the City has given those businesses several seasons without fees in an effort to help to support them.

Having said that, these proposed changes come with an estimated minimum cost per curb lane café of approximately \$4000 in 2023, we feel these changes are a case of too much too soon for our still struggling restaurants.

If there is no reduction in the proposed fees for 2023, it is likely there will be few to possibly even zero CaféTO curb lane cafés on Roncesvalles.

We are requesting that Council reduce or waive the application fee and cost per sq. foot for 2023 with a clear indication of the eventual cost of the program in 2024 and beyond.

Our appreciation for your consideration of our concerns,
Best Regards,

Roncesvalles Village BIA Board of Management