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Toronto and East York Community Council

Re: CaféTO Curb Lane Cafés on Queen Street West

Dear Colleagues,

Queen Street West will be undergoing a significant amount of construction and transit modifications due to the Ontario Line project, including hosting potential public transit diversions, over the next several years. As a result, businesses that may be eligible for a curb lane café in 2023 may not be able to install that café in future years. There is also the potential that some operators may not be able to participate for the full duration of the 2023 CaféTO season should there be nearby unexpected construction impacts.

To mitigate the impact of these challenges, this motion seeks to assist businesses with the option to install a temporary ramp in 2023 instead of a temporary accessible platform should there be a need to revoke their curb lane café permit due to construction impacts this year.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that:

1. City Council authorize the Executive Director of Municipal Licensing and Standards or General Manager of Transportation Services to exempt curb lane café permit areas on Queen Street West between University Avenue and Bathurst Street from the requirements of § 742-10.4 B(6) and B(7) and § 742-10.4 C(1) and C(3) of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 742, Sidewalk Cafés, Parklets and Marketing Displays, to October 15, 2023, but require any affected permit holder to do the following during that period:

(a) install a temporary ramp in their permit area which provides for safe access to the permit area from the sidewalk in accordance with the requirements of § 742-10.4 C(2).

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