

Application for a Sidewalk Cafe Permit Located at 561 Danforth Avenue, Waverley Street flankage.

Date: August 21, 2025

To: Toronto and East York Community Council

From: Director, Business Licensing and Regulatory Services, Municipal Licensing and Standards

Wards: Ward 14 – Toronto - Danforth

SUMMARY

The purpose of this staff report is to address the application submitted to Municipal Licensing and Standards in the matter of an application for a Sidewalk Café permit at 561 Danforth Avenue, Carlaw Avenue flankage.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Director of Business Licensing and Regulatory Services, Municipal Licensing and Standards recommends that:

1. Community Council deny the application for the proposed Sidewalk Café permit located at 561 Danforth Avenue, Carlaw Avenue flankage.

OR

2. Community Council approve the application for the proposed Sidewalk Cafe permit located at 561 Danforth Avenue, Carlaw Avenue flankage.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

There are no financial implications resulting from the adoption of this report.

DECISION HISTORY

This is a new application for a sidewalk cafe permit located at 561 Danforth Avenue, Carlaw Avenue flankage.

COMMENTS

An application for a sidewalk café permit located at 561 Danforth Avenue, Carlaw Avenue flankage, was received on August 2, 2024, from the business owner representing 1000183831 Ontario Corporation operating as Tapps Restaurant & Bar. The application submitted was seeking permission to establish a sidewalk cafe for 109.65 square metres which would accommodate approximately 90 patrons. (Attachment 1 and 2).

This application meets the physical criteria for a sidewalk cafe permit, as set out in Chapter 742 of the City of Toronto Municipal Code.

The City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 742-2.3 requires all applicants for a café on a local road to display a public notice posting of the application at the establishment for no less than 21 days.

Furthermore, the City of Toronto Municipal Code Chapter 742-2.3 also requires that all property owners and occupants located within a 30-metre radius of the proposed café location on a local road be notified in writing.

A public mail-out of 52 letters were mailed and a total of 13 objections to the public posting were received by Municipal Licensing and Standards.

A refusal letter was sent on June 12, 2025, to the business owner, advising the applicant that multiple objections were received, and that the sidewalk café permit application was denied.

On June 29, 2025, a letter was received by Municipal Licensing and Standards from the business owner, to appeal the decision of the denial for a Sidewalk Café permit.

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ATTACHMENTS

1. Site Plan of Sidewalk Café location
2. Photos of Sidewalk Café location