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Presentation: Sidewalk cafe and marketing presentation - September 2015

#### Overview:

This document contains presentation on Sidewalk cafe and marketing presentations delivered in September and October 2015 at various public consultations.

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# Sidewalk Cafes & Sidewalk Marketing Displays

Bylaw Harmonization and Update

Stakeholder Consultation

September-October 2015



#### **Meeting Format**

Part 1: Review of By-law and Fees

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Part 2: The Manual

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Part 3: Q & A



# **Project Highlights**

# Objectives

- 1. One updated city-wide by-law regulating sidewalk cafes and marketing displays
- 2. Balance safety, accessibility, and placemaking with economic prosperity
- 3. Streamlined application process
- 4. Review of Permit fees

# **Project Phasing**

Phase 1: Research & Consultation

Phase 2: Analysis

Phase 3: Recommendations

Phase 4: Implementation

#### Work to date...

- ✓ Detailed review of existing City by-laws, processes, and policies
- ✓ Review of regulations and best practices in other jurisdictions
- ✓ Initial consultations with stakeholders
- ✓ Consultations with other City Divisions
- ✓ Field Visits

# Why Regulate?

710 sidewalk cafes in Toronto (approx.)

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Toronto -642

York -20

Etobicoke -31

NY -17

Scarborough -0
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• 300 sidewalk marketing displays (approx.)

~ 95% of these are in TEY District















## **Policy Context**

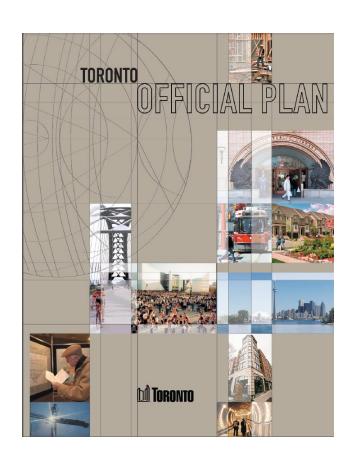
#### **Provincial Framework**

- Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA)
- Health Protection and Promotion Act
- Ontario Building Code
- Ontario Fire Code
- Liquor License Act

# City of Toronto Official Plan

#### Vision:

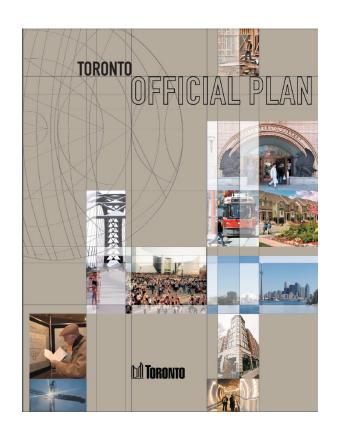
 A strong and competitive economy with employment opportunities for all Torontonians



# City of Toronto Official Plan

New and existing City streets will be designed to perform their diverse roles by...

- a) Balancing the needs of users and uses within the right-of-way, including provision for:
  - i) The safe and efficient movement of pedestrians, cyclists, transit vehicles and motorists
  - ii) Space for other street elements such as utilities, trees, snow and stormwater management, wayfinding, boulevard cafes, marketing and vending, and street furniture





# **Zoning By-law**

Zoning By-law 569-2013

#### **Outdoor Patios**

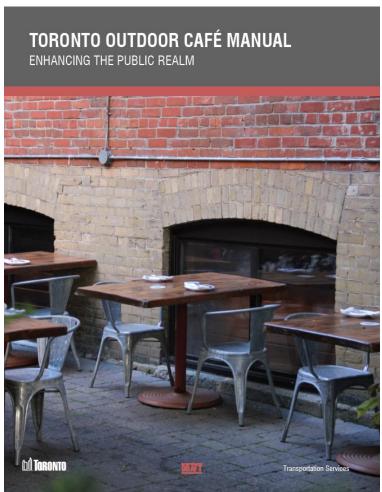
- ZBL outlines the zones in which patios can be located
- New patios must be set back a minimum 30m from a lot in a Residential Zone.

#### **Marketing Displays**

- ZBL outlines the zones where marketing displays can be located
- New displays must be set back a minimum 15m from a lot in a Residential Zone

#### Guidelines





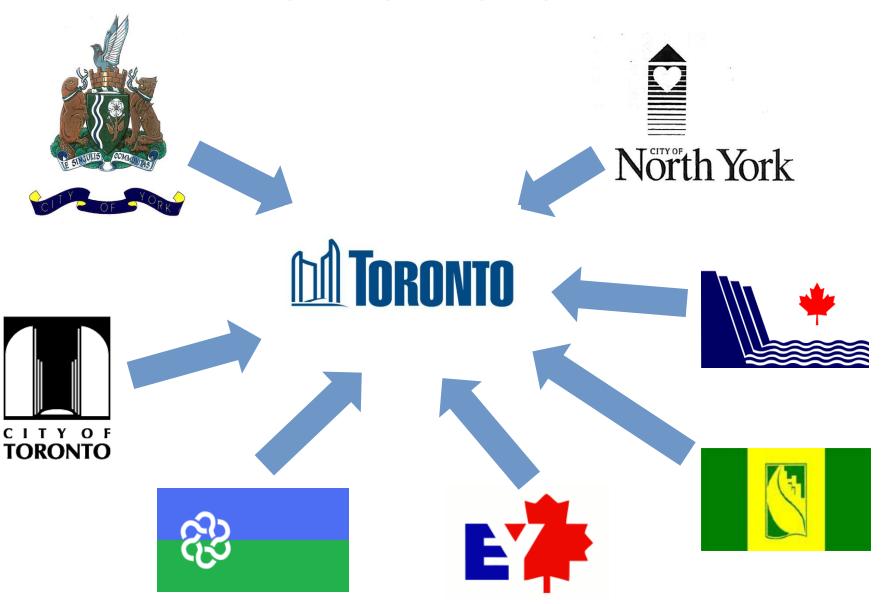
# 6 By-laws Regulating Cafes & Marketing

- 1. Chapter 313 of the former Municipality of **Toronto**
- 2. By-law No. 16-97 of the former Municipality of **East York**
- 3. Chapter 231 of the former Municipality of **Etobicoke**
- 4. By-law No. 29607 of the former City of **North York**
- 5. By-Law No.3343-79 and Chapter 1004.11.12, Article 12 of the former Borough of **York**





#### Harmonization





### **Stakeholder Engagement**

#### Stakeholder Consultations...

December 2013 - Meetings with permit holders,

November 2014 business community, residents' associations,

TABIA/BIAs, and the general public

August - Outreach, site visits, and meetings with

November 2014 accessibility stakeholders

November 2014- Online Survey; Meetings with permit holders,

January 2015 business community, residents' associations,

TABIA/BIAs, ORHMA the general public, and

the Design Review Panel



#### What did we hear?...

# Public / Accessibility Groups

- Well designed and located patios contribute to liveability
- Patios have a positive impact on neighbourhoods
  - 60% of survey respondents
- Wide unimpeded sidewalks are important for ease of movement
  - Dominant theme
- Straight clearways are important
- Flexibility in standards is important
  - E.g. more patio types
- Noise: Should café's on residential streets be permitted to stay open longer than 11:00pm?
  - 43% No
  - 55% Yes, with conditions
     (no liquor, no noise, no complaints, limited capacity, special events, weekends only...)

## **Business / Restaurant Groups**

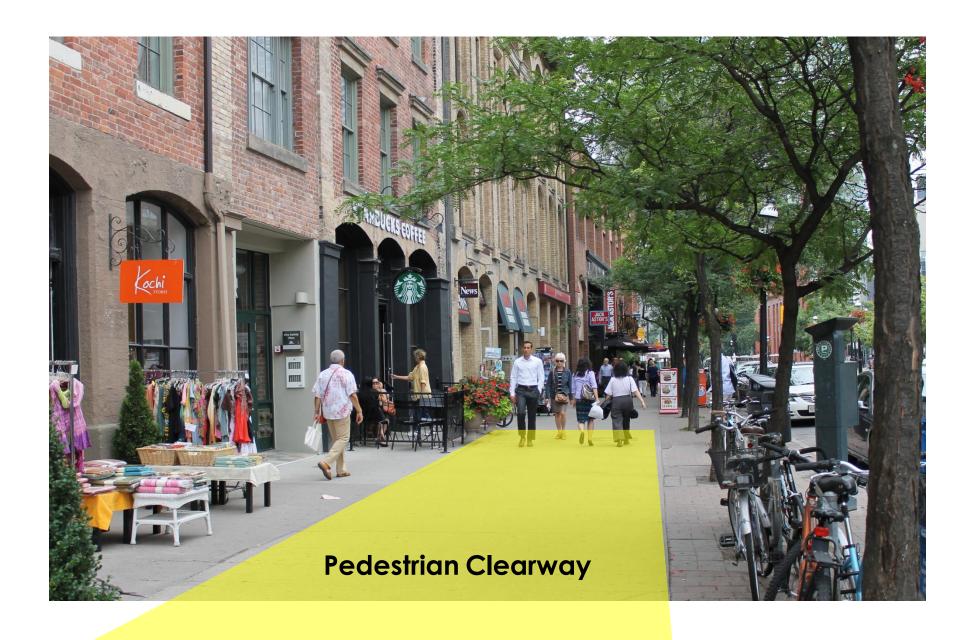
- Patio culture needs strong support from the City
- Flexibility in standards is important
  - E.g. more patio types; relaxed fencing requirements
- A fair complaints and resolution process is needed
- Concerns with "grand-parenting" and AODA implications
- Permits should be transferable upon sale of business
- Application process needs to be simplified
- Consistency is needed with rules and decision-making



# By-law Updates The Presentation Focuses on...

- 1. Accessible Sidewalks
- 2. Fostering a Café Culture
- 3. Process Changes/Implementation
  - 4. Fee Review























Existing Bylaw Area	Sidewalk Clearance Requirement	
Former City of Toronto	2.13m from the curb	
East York	2.0 m or any distance that is deemed necessary to maintain an unimpeded pedestrian traffic movement	
North York	The distance from the roadway to be determined by the City in order to sustain an unimpeded pedestrian traffic movement  Merchandise may not encroach upon the sidewalk	
Etobicoke	2.1 m	
York	2.1 m	

#### Current

\* Special Streets

3.05 metres

- Dundas St W
- Spadina Av (portions of)

## Pedestrian Clearway: PROPOSED

#### **Sidewalk Cafes**

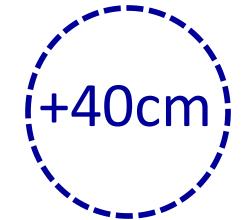
- Min. 2.1m along all collector & arterial streets
- Min. 1.7m along all local streets
- Straight and clear, without deflections

#### Site-by-site

 The City (Transportation Services) may deem greater clearance is required to safely accommodate pedestrian movement



# Pedestrian Clearway: Sidewalk Marketing



- Min. 2.5m along all arterial streets
- Min. 2.1m along all local streets
- Straight and clear, without deflections

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#### Current: "1 size fits all"

All cafes must be located against building frontage

All cafes must be surrounded by a fence

1 pedestrian clearway



# Proposed Amendments: Flexibility

- Pedestrian Clearway, options
- Fencing, more flexibility
- Building frontage location, non-mandatory



















# 3. Process Changes / Implementation

- a. Status quo
- b. Public Notice & Polling
  - c. Decision-making
  - d. Implementation

## Status Quo Highlights

- 11:00pm closing time for cafes on residential streets
- Minimum separation distance between a new café and a lot in a Residential Zone
- No incursions permitted in the pedestrian clearway
- Café operator required to clean sidewalk and clear snow
- Winter fence removal

#### **Public Notice: Current**

#### Poll of Residents

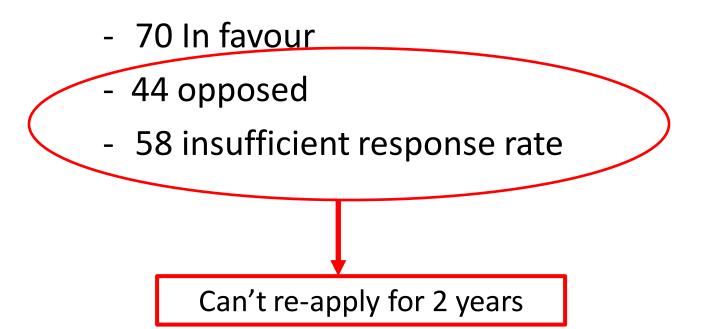
- Toronto & East York Only
  - Residential Flankage Cafes Only

#### **Notice**

- Toronto & East York Only
  - Commercial Frontage Only
  - A notice must be posted for 14 days

## Polling Procedure

- Poll results take ~50 days from initiation
- 185 polls conducted since April 2008



# Polling / Notification: Discussion Points

#### <u>New</u>

- City Councillor Notification
- BIA Notification as applicable
- City Website

#### **Commercial Frontages**

14 days notice (unchanged)

#### Residential Frontages

- Notices only (No Polling)
- 30-day notification period



# Decision-making: Current

- 1 complaint = Automatic Refusal
- No ability for staff to:
  - resolve conflicts / complaints
- Prescriptive language results in limited flexibility
  - e.g. plastic wood is not permitted
- Blunt instrument
  - numerous automatic "refusal" reports
  - Refusals don't always reflect public interest
  - delays for the applicant

## Decision-making: Proposed

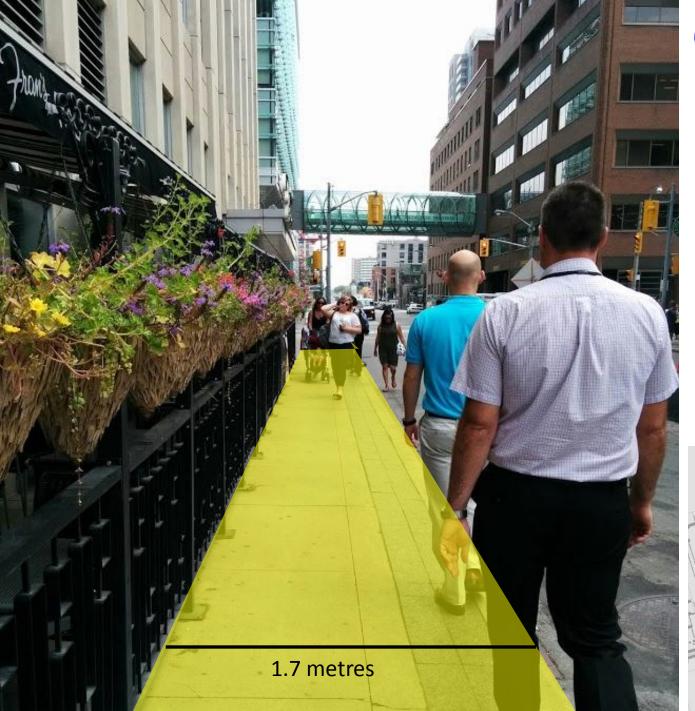
- Delegated authority to staff for undertake conflict resolution & mediation
- Attempt to resolve issues which are driving the complaint
- Refusal would follow a complaint that can not be resolved at a staff level

# **By-law Implementation Strategy**

- New standards will apply to all new applications
- AODA mandates the City to comply with its own established min. pedestrian clearway
- 2.1m is the established minimum pedestrian clearway in Toronto
  - Toronto Green Standard
  - Vibrant Streets
  - Street Vending

#### Implementation Strategy cont.

- Many existing cafes wont be impacted
- Identify where there are challenges
- Develop plans to bring them into compliance with the pedestrian clearway
- Look for quick fixes:
  - e.g. tree grates
- In some cases, a wider pedestrian clearway may be required



# Case Study: Yonge & Shuter





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  - 3. Process Improvements
    - 4. Fee Review

# Fee Review: Background

- Permit fees were last reviewed in 2002
- At that time they all increased by 5%
- Annual increase since then geared to CPI



# Current Fees (m2)

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	Fee Zone	Patio Fee	Marketing Fee
1	Toronto Area 1	\$76.75	\$87.28
2	Toronto Area 2	\$38.36	\$43.71
3	Toronto Area 3	\$19.20	\$21.87
4	York	\$5.50	\$20.89
5	Etobicoke	\$11.00	\$11.00
6	North York	\$9.27	\$9.27

# Fee Review Approach

- 1. Jurisdictional Scan
- 2. Fees for other street uses
- 3. Fee Zone Boundaries
- 4. Fee Categories
- 5. Market Rate
- 6. Determine a Revised Fee Structure
- 7. Implementation Strategy



#### Jurisdictional Scan: New York City

#### Manhattan, 2 zones

1. 96<sup>th</sup> street south

Enclosed Sidewalk Café: \$4917.74 base + \$413.22m2

Unenclosed Café: \$2457.37 base + \$413.22m2

2. 96th street north; Brooklyn; Bronx; and Staten Island

Enclosed sidewalk café: \$3686.06 base + \$310.00 m2

Unenclosed Café: \$1843.03 base + \$310.00m2

#### Jurisdictional Scan cont.

#### Vancouver, 2 zones

- 1. Downtown:
- 2. Outside of Downtown: \$58.34 m2

\$82.23 m2

#### Melbourne, Australia, 5 zones

- 1. \$69.18
- 2. \$50.46
- 3. \$33.55
- 4. \$33.55
- 5. \$15.64

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#### **Street Occupation**

- Review approved by City Council in June 2015
- A market-based approach
- On-street metered parking used as the baseline
- 6 new fee zones were established
  - o \$1264.92
  - o \$948.72
  - \$711.48 /m2/year
  - o \$632.52
  - \$474.36
  - \$316.20



# Food Carts & Sidewalk Vending



- minor arterial roads:  $$2551.73 \longrightarrow /$  \$1100 / m2 \ \ year
- major arterial roads: \$4691.32 → \$2022 / m2 / year

Food Carts can occupy max. 2.32 m2 of sidewalk

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#### Review of Fee Zone Boundaries

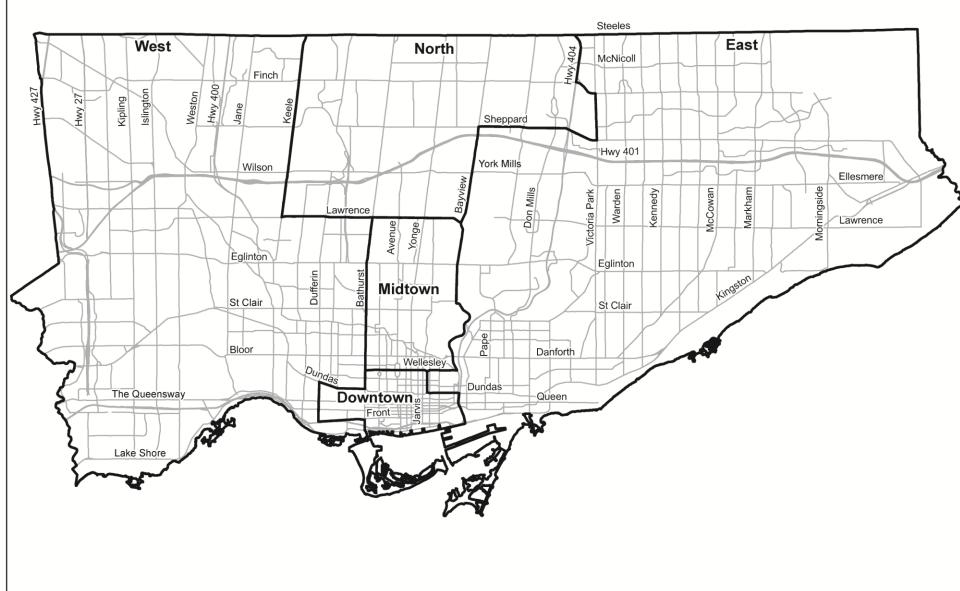
- Fee zones need to be reflective of similar values / rental rates for fairness and equity
- Geographic location is a key variable
- RES conducted the Market Rate review
- They used a third-party provider called CoStar to develop zones and market rate

## Fee Zones cont.

- Co-Star is a comprehensive commercial realestate database
- Data is verified through daily calls to brokers and owners, reviewing court filings, tax assessor records and deeds, tenant canvassing, and third-party data feeds

### Fee Zones cont.

- Proposed Fee Zones are reflective of "submarkets" that allow like-for-like comparisons and valuations
- Five new Fee Zones are proposed:
  - 1. Downtown
  - 2. Midtown
  - 3. North
  - 4. East
  - 5. West





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Sept. 16th, 2015



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## **Fee Categories**

### **Current Categories**

- 1. Patio
- 2. Marketing Display

### **Proposed Categories**

- 1. Patio (with liquor licence)
- 2. Café (food and non-alcoholic beverages)
- 3. Marketing Display

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## Market Rate by Zone

- Market Rate was determined by identifying average at-grade rental rates in each proposed fee zone
- Market Rate includes:
  - 1. Taxes
  - 2. maintenance fees; and
  - 3. \$/m2

# Market Rates by Proposed Fee Zone (\$/m2/year)

	Fee Zone	Market Rate \$/m2
1	Downtown	\$475.71
2	Midtown	\$376.28
3	North	\$311.09
4	East	\$240.48
5	West	\$228.93

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## Considerations

- 1. Market Rate reflects the "improved" value of a property (amenities, finishings, etc.)
- 2. Café's bring benefits to the City that are not easily measured and difficult to quantify:
  - Tourism
  - Street Animation
  - Social Interaction
  - Employment
  - Retail Occupancy



# Market Rate vs Current Rate (Patio)

	Fee Zone	Market Rate (\$/m2)	Current Patio Rate (\$/m2)	Market Rate Comparison
1	Downtown	\$475.71	\$76.75	16.13%
2	Midtown	\$376.28	\$19.20	5.10%
3	North	\$311.09	\$9.27	2.98%
4	East	\$240.48	n/a	n/a
5	West	\$228.93	\$11.00	4.80%

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## Fee Implementation: For Discussion

- Existing Fees will continue in 2016
- New fees will take effect in 2017
- Fee increases will be phased in over 5 years:
  - 2017 2022
  - 20% increase / year
- Fee reductions will take immediate effect

 Your comments will inform the report to Committee

#### **Report Targets:**

- Licensing & Standards Committee, Nov. 26
- City Council, December 2015