



# How to attend an Electronic Advisory Committee or Board Meeting

As all Town facilities remain closed to the public, members of the public can attend an electronic Advisory Committee or Board Meeting by joining through ZOOM. The public will only be able to listen and view the meeting.

## Meeting: Main Street District Business Improvement Area Board of Management

**Date:** Tuesday, June 2, 2020 at 10:00 AM

**Location:** Electronic VIA ZOOM Meeting

### How to Join the Meeting

- ✓ Join the Electronic Advisory Committee or Board Meeting by clicking the following ZOOM link or calling in with information below:
  - ✓ <https://townofnewmarket.zoom.us/j/95779060674?pwd=VVI5UGY4Vmo4ME5UcTVMR0N0dFJ3QT09>
  - ✓ 647-374-4685 or 647-558-0588 using the Meeting ID: 957 7906 0674 and Password: 119814
- ✓ Input your name and email address to be admitted:

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- ✓ You will be placed in a "waiting room" until the meeting begins

### Technical Tips

- **You will be attending the meeting in "listen only mode" (i.e., without your video or audio on)**
- If you cannot connect, check your internet connection by going to another website (such as [www.newmarket.ca](http://www.newmarket.ca)) - If the internet is not working on other sites, you may need to reboot your device or modem
- If your screen freezes, try to refresh or you may need to disconnect from the meeting and then reconnect using the link in the original meeting invite
- If you get disconnected, rejoin the meeting using the link above
- If you require assistance with ZOOM before a meeting email [clerks@newmarket.ca](mailto:clerks@newmarket.ca)





# Town of Newmarket Agenda (Special Meeting)

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Pages

1. Additions and Corrections to the Agenda
2. Conflict of Interest Declarations
3. Presentations & Recognitions

\*3.1 Patio Program

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**Note:** Elizabeth Hawkins, Business Development Specialist, and Flynn Scott, Manager of Regulatory Services will be in attendance to provide a presentation on this matter.

4. Deputations
5. Adjournment



# Pedestrian Zones and The Main Street BIA District: COVID-19 Response

June 2, 2020 Special BIA Meeting



# Introduction

- Mayor Taylor



# Purpose of Today

- Seek the BIA's input into an expanded patio and sidewalk occupancy program in the BIA District
- Come to a decision regarding moving forward with an expanded sidewalk occupancy program
- Examine preliminary funding mechanisms

# What we've heard in Economic Development/Executive Office



- Desire to support the vibrancy of Main Street (both retail and restaurant)
- Looking for ways to preserve the feasibility of doing business in the downtown core
- Mindful of managing social distancing and not creating a “gathering” place and the need for our local businesses to be able to adapt to major changes from COVID-19
- Need to move quickly –ready for potential provincial announcement



# Discussions to Date:



- Restaurants with existing patios— looking for ways to increase space and make patio dining economically feasible
- Restaurant owners without patios- looking for ways to increase occupancy once patios are allowed to re-open
- Retail – important to consider how to support and increase ability to offer services
- Open to continued conversations throughout the summer about street closures as the situation evolves.

# Potential Opportunity



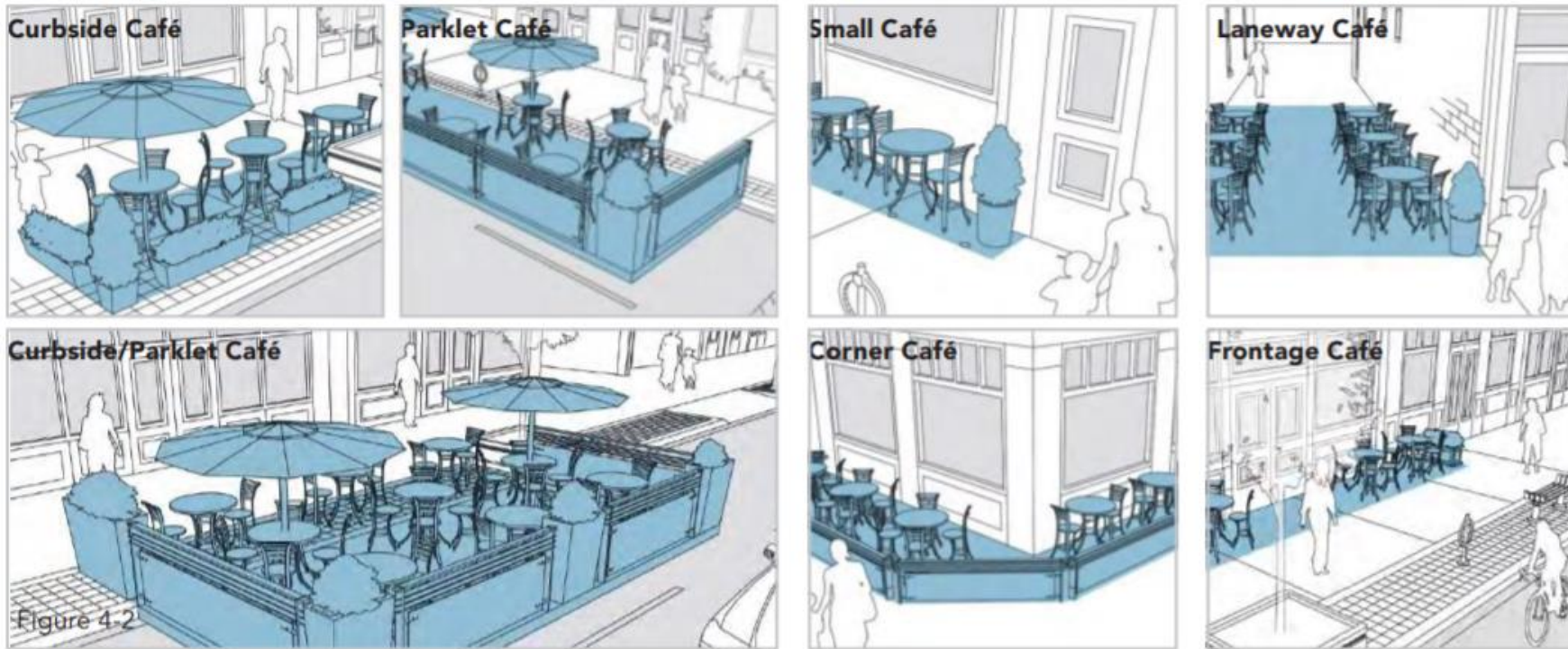
- Expand current patio/sidewalk occupancy program – encouraging all BIA restaurants and stores to consider some kind of sidewalk occupancy to expand their space
- Businesses would have to submit an application to the Town with desired location
- Would require Jersey barriers for safety, sidewalk ramps for accessibility and fencing for physical distancing/safety

# Potential Opportunity



- Would include removing parking spaces in front of participating businesses to allow pedestrians enough space for physical distancing
- Need for accessibility modifications to the street, temporary fencing and chairs/tables etc.

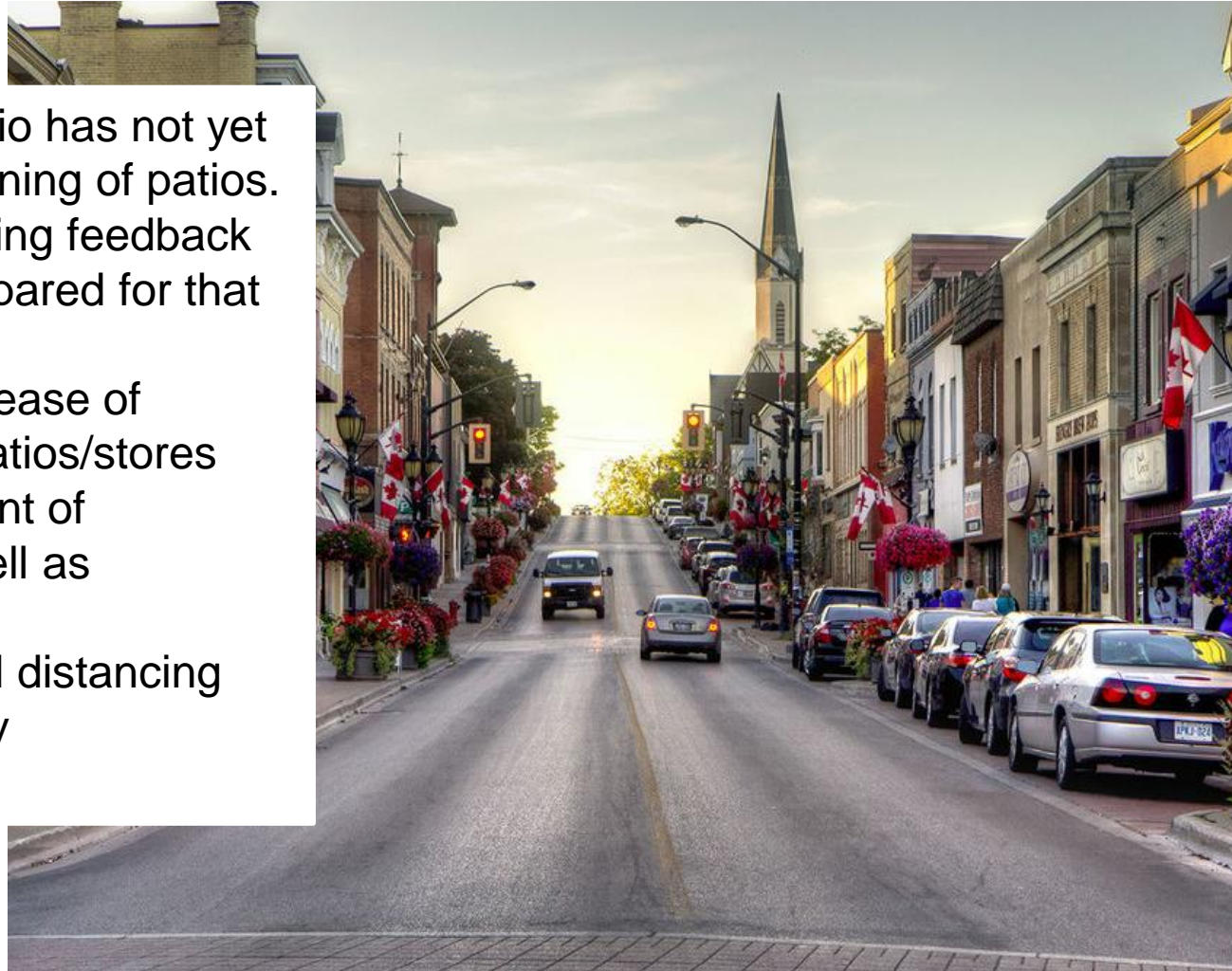
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# Considerations:



- Province of Ontario has not yet permitted the opening of patios. The Town is seeking feedback in order to be prepared for that time.
- Accessibility and ease of access into the patios/stores
- Expanding footprint of stores/retail as well as restaurants
- Maintaining social distancing
- Maintaining safety







# Regulatory Environment

- A relaxed temporary outdoor patio program is being explored to facilitate bars, pubs, and restaurants with revised occupancy loads due to COVID-19 restrictions (such as 2m physical distancing)
- Basic requirements will include:
  - Temporary AGCO extension licence (up to 8 weeks permitted);
  - A revised letter to AGCO with indoor/outdoor occupant loads;
  - Drawing of temporary patio proposal;
  - CYFS inspection; and
  - Compliance with the Temporary Outdoor Patio Guidelines provided by the Town



# Questions for Discussion



- Is the BIA Board in support of:
  - an expanded patio/sidewalk occupancy program as a short-term measure during physical distancing due to COVID-19?
  - an expansion of the program to include retailers, to increase potential occupancy? I.e.: Daily sidewalk displays within given parameters
  - a program that would temporarily (to meet physical distancing timelines laid out by the province) remove some of the on street parking spaces in the downtown core?
  - cost sharing portions of the program such as fencing/ramps for accessibility?