

Notice - Consultation Sessions

Public input invited on Sidewalk Café and Marketing Displays By-law Harmonization and on Guidelines for Sidewalk Cafés

The City of Toronto is conducting a review of the bylaws governing sidewalk cafes and marketing displays on the public right-of-way (sidewalks). Currently there are 6 different by-laws regulating these activities. The objective of the review is to harmonize these by-laws so that consistent standards and permit processes apply across the city; and to review permit fees for these sidewalk uses. At the same time, guidelines are being created to help inform the design and layout of sidewalk cafes to ensure sidewalks, and cafes located on sidewalks, are both safe and accessible.

The draft bylaw and guidelines have been developed based on feedback from a series of public consultation meetings and surveys conducted with stakeholders in the fall and winter of 2014.

The City is holding the following information sessions to obtain input on the direction of the draft bylaw and guidelines. The first session, on Monday September 21, is from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. All remaining sessions are from 6 to 8 p.m.

Monday, September 21: Metro Hall (Room 314)
Tuesday, September 29: Etobicoke Civic Centre (Main Boardroom)
Wednesday, October 7: East York Civic Centre (Council Chambers)
Wednesday, October 14: North York Civic Centre (Committee Room 1)
Thursday, October 15: Scarborough Civic Centre (Committee Room 1)

Disability accommodations may be provided with 10 days advance notice.

Please contact Hamish Goodwin at 416-338-5763 or hgoodwin@toronto.ca if you have questions about the harmonization of the sidewalk café and marketing by-laws.

Questions about the Sidewalk Café Guidelines can be directed to Chris Ronson at 416-392-8008 or cronson@toronto.ca.

Visit www.toronto.ca/mlshaveyoursay for more details about the review.