

City of Mississauga Corporate Report



<p>Date: April 9, 2026</p> <p>To: Chair and Members of General Committee</p>	<p>Originator's files: PO.16.LAK</p>
<p>From: Marisa Chiu, CPA, CA, Commissioner of Corporate Services, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer</p>	<p>Meeting date: April 22, 2026</p>

Subject

Authorization to Amend the 2026 General Fees and Charges By-law 0165-2025, Schedule "A" (Corporate Services, Realty) to add Seasonal Patio Permit Fees.

Recommendation

1. That Schedule "A" (Corporate Services, Realty Fees and Charges) of the 2026 Fees and Charges By-law 0165-2025 be amended, to add Seasonal Patio Permit Fees, as outlined in Appendix 1 of the Corporate Report from the Commissioner of Corporate Services, CFO and Treasurer, dated April 9, 2026 and entitled "Authorization to Amend the 2026 General Fees and Charges By-law 0165-2025, Schedule "A" (Corporate Services, Realty) to add Seasonal Patio Permit Fees.
2. That all necessary by-laws be enacted.

Background

The seasonal outdoor patio permit process was introduced during Covid to allow food establishments to continue serving customers safely under By-law 0218-2023. The By-law permitted the use of public right of way, namely, sidewalks or parking laybys for seasonal outdoor patios in certain zones at nominal fee from May 1 to October 15 each year and for seasonal outdoor patio encroachment agreements for patios requiring construction, suspending the seasonal date limitation and waive the application and encroachment fee.

By-law 0218-2023 has since expired on January 1, 2026, and the nominal seasonal outdoor patio permit fees no longer apply commencing 2026 season.

Each year, as part of the Business Plan and Budget development process, City staff review fees and charges imposed under the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25. The General Fees and Charges include fees for general administrative services provided across departments. Fees and charges provide revenue to support services, which provide benefits to specific individuals and organizations, rather than all residents. By ensuring that fees and charges increase to

maintain cost recovery ratios and cover cost increases, pressure on the City's tax levy requirements is reduced. If fees do not increase to cover costs, tax support for the program or service must increase and be paid by all residents rather than those who benefit from the service.

This report recommends the introduction of seasonal outdoor patio permit fees to align with surrounding municipalities and partially alleviate financial pressures associated with managing issuance of the seasonal outdoor patio permits.

Comments

To keep the seasonal outdoor patio program ongoing, Realty Services completed a benchmarking exercise against other municipalities that offer seasonal patio programs, and it has been established that City of Mississauga continued to waive the Patio Fees until end of 2025. It is noted that other municipalities have been charging patio fees for the year 2024, 2025 and 2026 with the fees ranging in the Greater Toronto Area (GTA) from \$427 to \$977 plus HST.

Further, Realty Services met with the Port Credit Business Improvement Area (BIA) and restaurant owners to discuss the City's continued support for the patio programmes. Many of the businesses interested in the seasonal outdoor patio permits in Port Credit are small to medium-sized enterprises, and this was an important consideration as we worked with the BIA and restaurant owners to shape the City's approach. After thoughtful consultation with the Port Credit BIA and taking the needs of these businesses into account, staff have decided to finalize a lower range for seasonal outdoor patio permit fees. The fee has been set at \$300, which is significantly more accessible than the standard GTA rates. This adjustment will be beneficial for the local business community and encourage greater participation in the seasonal outdoor patio program.

With the upcoming patio season in sight, staff recommend introducing a new seasonal outdoor patio permit fee of \$300 plus HST per season in support of the City's patio program as part of the overall 2026 General Fees and Charges by-law approved by Council. The seasonal outdoor patio permit fee is outlined in Appendix 1.

Under the Encroachment By-law the Commissioner of Transportation and Works authorizes matters relating to public highways, which would include seasonal outdoor patios. Transportation and Works will continue to approve the seasonal outdoor patios and Realty Services will administer the permits.

Financial Impact

The inclusion of seasonal outdoor patio permit fees in the 2026 Fees and Charges By-law 0165-2025 is anticipated to generate annual revenues of approximately \$4,500 based on permit request available to date and the proposed fee. These estimated revenues will be captured in

Cost Centre 24347 - CBS Realty Services under GL Account 525710 - Fees Encroachment
CBS-Realty Services.

There are no financial impacts resulting from the recommendations in this report for 2026 budget.

Conclusion

It has been established that the seasonal outdoor patio program has been successful and that staff is supportive of continuing the seasonal outdoor patio permit program in the City's right of way. The review of general fees and charges for the seasonal outdoor patio permit will address service costs and service levels.

Attachments

Appendix 1: Amendments to Fees and Charges By-law



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