

LOCAL BUSINESS TAKE TO THE STREETS WITH TEMPORARY PATIOS

With summer right around the corner, Coaldale business will now be able to take to the streets thanks to the Town's new temporary outdoor patio policy. The pilot program was introduced to provide businesses the opportunity to expand their customer capacity upon reopening when COVID-19 health restrictions are lifted.

A temporary patio is a seasonal extension of a business onto public or private property such as a parking lot, road or sidewalk. Temporary patios are a cheap and sustainable way for businesses to expand their capacity during the spring and summer months.

The pilot project is slated to run from April to October 2021. During the course of the pilot project, the Town is committed to maintaining consistent dialogue with the community. All feedback gathered will help to inform a future patio policy and to help us fulfill our commitment to delivering out-of-the-box strategies that will ultimately grow our local business community.

Which businesses will have temporary patios this year?

So far, three businesses have been approved for a temporary patio permit. Given the current health restrictions announced by the Province, restaurants and subsequent patios are currently closed until further notice. Despite the minor setback, businesses participating in the pilot project are continuing to prepare for patio season. While the mandatory restrictions are in effect, the Town is still open to receive patio permit applications.

McLennan's Cocktails & Cues

McLennan's was the first local business to receive approval on a temporary patio development application. Since then, a transportable sidewalk extension has been constructed to ensure safe passage for pedestrians when their patio opens up on the sidewalk. The sidewalk extension, pictured below, takes up three parking spaces, leaving enough room for motorcycle parking.



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Coaldale Bakery

The Coaldale Bakery has been approved for a temporary patio permit to be located on the north side of the parking lot within the parking stalls. The Bakery has proposed to enclose the space with concrete planters, similar to the Penny Coffee House in Lethbridge (pictured right).



KC's Pub

While not located on Main Street, the Town approved a temporary patio permit for KC's Pub to extend their seating area into a tent located within the parking area of the business.



I own a local business in Coaldale. How do I apply for a temporary patio?

At this time, the Town is accepting development permit applications for temporary patios at no cost to business owners in response to the Covid-19 pandemic. Permits are processed within a few days and, if approved, are valid until October 31, 2021. Please contact the Town for more information on how to apply for a temporary patio permit at office@coaldale.ca or 403-345-1300.

MAIN STREET PATIO SURVEY

The Town will be releasing a survey to collect your feedback on your patio experience once health restrictions are eased and temporary patios become operational. Keep an eye out for the next edition of The Main for more information!

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