

City of Wetaskiwin waives permit fees for temporary patios

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(Wetaskiwin, Alberta) – City Council has unanimously approved a motion to waive permit fees for any local business wanting to install a temporary patio to comply with current provincial COVID-19 restrictions.

Due to a significant increase in active COVID cases, the Province announced they would be returning to Step 1 of the provincial re-launch strategy—which took effect April 9, 2021. The return to Step 1 restrictions meant that dine-in service at restaurants would not be allowed. However, in-person dining on outdoor patio areas is still allowed under these restrictions.

“Many businesses—especially our restaurants—have been affected by the restrictions put in place to try to slow the spread of COVID-19,” stated Mayor Tyler Gandam. “Council has been working with Administration to find ways to help wherever we can. A policy was developed to allow patios where they might not otherwise have been able to set up. Our hope is that it gives these businesses the opportunity to serve their customers, as well as enable people to still get outside and enjoy the sunshine with their families.”

Wetaskiwin City Council and Administration are invested in supporting local businesses during this time of uncertainty. The permit approval process has been expedited with the goal of providing same-day approvals for temporary patio applications.

Any business wanting to add a temporary patio space can contact the City’s development department at 780.361.4400 or development@wetaskiwin.ca to get more information and begin the expedited approval process.

About the City of Wetaskiwin

Wetaskiwin is a secure, connected, and inclusive community, home to a diverse population of 13,000 people. Located only 30 minutes south of the Edmonton International Airport, the City of Wetaskiwin provides a high quality of life through ample recreation opportunities, diverse cultural activities, and a modernized, business-friendly downtown.

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