

MEDIA RELEASE

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## FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

## Barrie's patio season begins April 15

(Barrie, ON) – Patio season in Barrie officially begins April 15, 2023. On March 29, 2023, Barrie City Council approved continuing the extended patio hours and businesses are encouraged to take advantage of warmer weather by offering outdoor dining experiences. Additional patio seating and extended stays for patrons contribute to the ongoing vibrancy of the downtown.

The latest hour that a person can enter or re-enter an outdoor area are:

- 11:30 p.m. Monday Wednesday
- 12:45 a.m. Thursday Saturday and Sundays of long weekends

The latest hour that a person is permitted to remain in the outdoor area are:

- 12:15 a.m. Monday Wednesday
- 1:30 a.m. Thursday Saturday and Sundays of long weekends

Patios can remain in place from April 15 until November 15 in alignment with the City's winter control and spring clean-up maintenance schedules.

Businesses located outside of the Downtown Barrie BIA who are interested in applying for a patio permit can contact the City of Barrie Enforcement Services department by email at <u>enforcement.services@barrie.ca</u>, by phone at 705-739-4241 or in person at 45 Cedar Pointe Drive.

Businesses within the Downtown Barrie BIA can apply online through the City's <u>Downtown Barrie BIA</u> <u>Patio Application</u> webpage.

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