

Temporary Patio Design Minimum Standards (Urban Design)

- The deck must be constructed of a slip-resistant surface.
- Any gates must swing into the patio space and not obstruct the sidewalk or street.
- The design is to include fencing to define the space.
- Decorative free-standing flower pots or planting boxes are encouraged to be included in any design.
- Patios must have vertical elements that make them visible to traffic, such as flexible posts, bollards, or landscape planters, and include reflective elements so as to be visible by traffic at night.
- Railings and vertical elements should be a minimum of 0.91 metres (36") and no higher than 1.07 metres (42") in height.
- No umbrellas or other treatments can extend into the sidewalk or travelled portion of the roadway.
- Lighting will be subject to review and will be designed and installed in such a way as to not create a visual or physical distraction to travelling public on the sidewalk or roadway.
- Tables shall not exceed a height of 0.865 metres (34") above the finished floor of a patio (deck).
- The patio should maintain that a minimum width of 4.5 m from the edge of the patio /to the street centerline.
- A minimum sidewalk width of 2.4 m should be maintained where possible.
- Temporary patios must not extend in front of adjacent tenant spaces, exits, or beyond business frontage without written permission from affected adjacent property owners and tenants; this includes any overhanging elements.
- Required on-site parking may be used for a temporary patio.
- Patios be constructed of wood or metal rather than plastic.
- Patios be natural or stained wood or painted in a colour from the approved Niagara on-the-Lake approved colour chart (or similar) to the satisfaction of the Director of Community and Development Services.
- Lighting on patios be simple in design, of a warm white light, that illumination be directed downward, and that no colour changing or flashing lighting is permitted to the satisfaction of the Director of Community and Development Services.
- Decorative free-standing flower pots or planting boxes are encouraged.
- No signage is permitted to be installed on the patio structure with the exception of one menu sign at a maximum size of 0.2 square metres in area.
- That non-branded umbrellas be used exclusively. If shade is required then non-branded pergolas and umbrellas are used instead of tents.