

**THE CORPORATION OF THE  
TOWN OF NIAGARA-ON-THE-LAKE**  
OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK

**Notice of Motion**

INTRODUCTION DATE: April 29, 2025

SUBJECT: Motion re: Temporary Patio Program

REQUESTED BY: Councillor Cheropita

SECONDED BY: Lord Mayor Zalepa

**WHEREAS** while considering the direction of Council to not extend the Temporary Patio Program past Dec 2025; and

**WHEREAS** new information, and confirmation of facts not previously known have come forward; and

**WHEREAS** discussions with staff, NOTL restaurants and residents have raised concerns that are worth consideration; and

**WHEREAS** businesses currently enrolled in the temporary patio program have raised concerns over lack of clarity due to the decision of Council, and the serious potential implications imposed on the future of their businesses, as many have still not been able to repay their CEBA loans, have not come back to pre-COVID income levels, and the decision may limit their ability to deliver what customers want, like outdoor dining during the spring to fall period in 2026 and beyond; and

**WHEREAS** given the monumental events that have taken place over the past 30 days that have led to tough economic times, uncertainty, and predictions of an imminent recession, loss of jobs and impact on tourism and visitation from Americans;

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED** that Council direct staff to come back with a report and guidance for a potential pathway to extend the temporary patio program without impacting the previous direction of Council to explore a Heritage District (Queen St.) Master Secondary Plan.