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Points of Discussion for Patio Design Change:

Main Concerns & Monetary Issues for Restaurateurs Are:

- 1) Safety for Staff, Customers & Pedestrians this is just not safe
- 2) Insurance Premiums will increase due to lawsuits over injured people and pets not to mention loss of business over the publicity the injuries will receive people have lots of choices to go and eat at if not happy & do not feel their health & safety is an issue they will go else where WHO will pay for the increase in insurance premiums loss of business hurts the downtown core
- 3) Have to employ more staff over 18 due to liquor service & delivery to the patio rate of pay is higher this increase the cost of the business
- 4) Liquor licence was just renewed in March cost \$500.00 now all patios licensed will have to pay an additional \$685.00 possibly more if the AGCO requires us to advertise because it is not a simple adjustment we are moving the patio not enlarging or adding more seats – who is to pay for this?
- 5) We have to get New stamped architectural drawings for the new patio requirement of AGCO who will pay for this?
- 6) Will have to get letters from the Fire, Police & Health Dept stating they approve of the patio and licence to the establishment
- 7) We are not even positive the AGCO will endorse the Patio relocation with or without a mini bar?
- 8) Possibility of new furniture due to resizing of the patios who will pay for this?
- 9) We will have to increase and change the railing on the patio to a fully enclose the space and the layout and dimensions are different who will pay for this?
- 10) Put a mini bar on the patio who will purchase and pay for this?
- 11) Have to have electrical hook-up for the mini bar is their electrical hook-up for this near the patios or do we have to run electrical cords across the sidewalk to the restaurant for this TRIP hazard -insurance- law suit liability???
- 12) Increase availability for people to pass liquor off to pass-buyers to drop of liquor onto the patio area since now all sides are exposed to pedestrian traffic out of sight not a constant control now legal issue jeopardizes our liquor licence
- 13) Increase of broken dishes & glassware as accidents happen as people try to carry dishes over to the patio area who will pay for this?
- 14) The wind on this street is incredible coming off the lake to move the patios further out into the street away from the façade increases dishes, umbrellas dishes etc from being blown off and away from the tables who will pay for this?

- 15) WSIB premiums will go up when there are increased accidents to the staff who will pay for this?
- 16) Patios are now not smoke free now since the patio is now 9' from the building and not under a covered area people can now smoke as well as having smokers around them – we were smoke free and wish to remain so for the health of our clientele – how do we control this?
- 17) Sitting under the trees great idea until things start dropping in your food birds droppings, feathers squirrels droppings, fur sticks, nuts leaves bugs etc. people will want their food replaced or refunded control health issue who will pay for the increased food cost and returns?
- 18) People need to understand Restaurants at best get a 5 6% return on profit very small indeed this will run us in the red for too long of time to recoup our losses
  there is not break from the landlords taxes in this town are high BIA plus municipal and education higher then in TO plus talk of increases for the next years it will take well over 3 yrs of patio seasons to recoup these immediate costs let alone long run cost
- 19) Overall it will cost approx min of \$5000.00 to move and run & move our licensed patios in the new space HOW can you expect us to pay for this?