

February 8, 2021

Re: Approval of CaféTO 2021

Dear BIA Coordinators:

On Friday, City Council adopted a report to approve an expanded CaféTO program in 2021 and help Toronto's main street restaurants and bars during the on-going pandemic.

We will continue to inform and consult with TABIA, local BIAs and restaurants and bar operators to ensure the successful implementation of CaféTO in 2021. The program this year will have an enhanced registration and installation process, improved public parklet areas and the ability for BIAs and restaurants to apply to install decks and platforms in their curb lane closure areas, where permitted. The City is also continuing with the lower \$1 million liability insurance requirement for CaféTO participants.

Registration for CaféTO 2021 will open during the last week of February.

The registration process for CaféTO aims to be clear and straightforward. As in 2020, applicants will be required to provide certain documentation, including a valid business license and certificate of insurance. There will be additional requirements for applicants looking to install decks and platforms in the curb lane.

More information about CaféTO, including the café placement guidebook, details of information sessions for restaurant operators, and more about opportunities for outdoor dining on private property will be published as registration opens.

CaféTO staff will be attending TABIA throughout February to provide specific details about program registration and installation, present a document to better clarify the responsibilities of each City division, and discuss other elements of the 2021 program.

Attached to this letter, you will find a blank copy of the 2021 CaféTO certificate of insurance. Please feel free to distribute this to your businesses interested in preparing their paperwork ahead of the opening of registration.

In the meantime, if you or any of your member businesses have any questions about the CaféTO program, please contact the project team directly at cafeto@toronto.ca.

Sincerely,

The CaféTO Team

Cc: John Kiru, Executive Director, TABIA