

DA Amendment: The Narrows Public House

As The Narrows Public House nears the one year in operation mark, we are looking to the future with an eye on the continued growth of the business to meet the needs of our customers and the pub.

- The first stage of growth was expanding our hours to include lunch service.
- The second stage of growth will be introducing brunch service this March, on Sat, Sun and Mon.
- The final stage of growth we hope can be the inclusion of a small back yard garden patio, providing 38 outdoor seats to our customers for the warmer months.

Our patio would mimic the aesthetic already present on the property. There will be privacy fencing around the entire patio to offer a visual and noise buffer for neighbours. The landscaping will be comprised of grass, flagstone pathways, planter boxes, stacked wood, mature trees and a cedar shingled shed. This patio is intended to feel like an extension of the front yard of the home and will be similar to a residential backyard garden rather than a commercial patio. Seating will be limited to 38 customers to ensure noise is not an issue. To further reduce potential issues around noise, the patio will close down at 10pm Sun-Thurs and 11pm Fri and Sat.

- The addition of a patio would help the business maintain a base level of revenue during the warmer months of the year, as customers seek out patio seating.
- This past summer the business had to take on more debt in order to meet its financial obligations as the summer slowed down for The Narrows without the offer of a patio for customers.
- Given the lack of air conditioning in our old home, a patio would be key to satisfy customers desire for fresh air and a more comfortable temperature to dine in.
- A patio would allow us to draw in customers through the warmer months who otherwise may not seek out The Narrows.
- Lastly, for those who still do not want to dine in close proximity to others without significant air exchange nearby, a patio offers ample space and fresh air to comfortably dine at The Narrows.

It has been our perception based on the feedback received from customers, including neighbours in the immediate community, The Narrows is viewed a welcomed addition. Many of these same customers have requested that we add a patio for the summer months, so they can enjoy the outdoors while dining at The Narrows over the warmer months. This provides an outdoor venue for those in our community without the need to travel too far from home to enjoy patio seating.

Thus far, we haven't had a single complaint from any community member regarding the operation of the pub in the neighbourhood. In fact, when approaching the pub from the

outside, many first-time customers have said they weren't sure they were at the correct location as you cannot hear or see anything from outside the building that indicates there are people inside dining. In addition, we have only experienced polite, respectful customers at The Narrows, without an incident requiring staff to ask customers to leave due to poor behavior. Similarly, we have not had a single complaint, warning or issue from any liquor inspectors from Alcohol and Gaming. The average age customer of The Narrows Pub is approximately 50 years old which we believe influences the fact that we will continue to operate a respectful, incident free establishment now and into the future.