

**Subject: Restaurant Licence Extension**

**Department: Corporate Services**

**Division: Clerks**

**Report #: CPS-2021-057**

**Meeting Date: 2021-08-09**

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### **Recommendations**

**That report CPS-2021-057, Restaurant Licence Extension, be received;**

**And that the expiry date for Restaurant Licences issued in 2020 be extended to September 30<sup>th</sup> of 2021;**

**And that Council amend By-law 2004-117 to change the expiry date for Restaurant Licences going forward.**

### **Background and Analysis**

At its January 11, 2021 meeting, Council received report CPS-2021-005, Restaurant and Pet Shop Licences Extension and approved the extension of expiry dates for Restaurant Licences to be extended to April 30th going forward.

Since then, additional restrictions were put in place by the Province of Ontario in an effort to reduce the transmission of COVID-19. This included a third provincial declaration of emergency and a province-wide Stay-at-Home order effective April 8, 2021, which required everyone to remain at home except for essential purposes.

As a result of continued improvements in key public health and health system indicators, the Province of Ontario introduced its Three-Step Roadmap to Reopen, starting with Step One on June 11, 2021. Under this framework, restaurants have started to reopen in modified capacity per public health restrictions. Currently, Ontario is in Step Three which allows indoor and outdoor dining with capacity limits; no limits on the number of people per table; and buffet style dining.

In an effort to provide relief to local restaurants recovering from financial challenges and to allow for reasonable time to renew their licences, following the continued lifting of public health restrictions, the Clerk's division recommend that Council approve the following:

1. That the validity of Restaurant Licences due to expire on April 30<sup>th</sup> of 2021 be extended to September 30<sup>th</sup>, 2021.
2. That Section 5.1 of By-law 2004-117, a by-law to license, regulate and govern eating establishments in the Town of Orangeville, be amended to read as follows:

*5.1 Any licence issued under the provisions of this by-law shall be for the current year and shall expire on the 30th day of September following the year of issue or until said licence is revoked.*

This amendment will change the expiry date of restaurant licences from April 30<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup> going forward.

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## Strategic Alignment

### Orangeville Forward – Strategic Plan

Priority Area: Strong Governance

Objective: Financial Responsibility

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## Notice Provisions

Not applicable

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## Financial Impact

The estimated financial impact is limited as the proposed approach does not waive licensing fees but rather defers them to a later date in 2021.

Respectfully submitted

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