

Accessibility Advisory Committee

April 12, 2023
2:00-4:00 p.m.
Live and via Zoom

Topic: AAC Meeting

Time: Apr 12, 2023 02:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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Agenda

- 1. Meeting called to order**
- 2. Chairs comments**
- 3. Approval of Minutes – AAC March 9, 2023**
- 4. Declaration of Conflict of Interest**
- 5. New Business**
 - 5.1. Active Transportation Master Plan - Justin Jones from WSP
 - 5.2. Downtown patios, Small Street Furniture, Outdoor displays– Jonathan Kircal, Planning Division
 - 5.3. Civic Centre Lobby updates - Carl Rumieli, Director of Engineering
 - 5.4. Pedestrian Crossover update

6. Old Business

- 6.1. Standing item: location of benches and trees and waste baskets
- 6.2. Update on tour of new Northern Community Centre – Diane

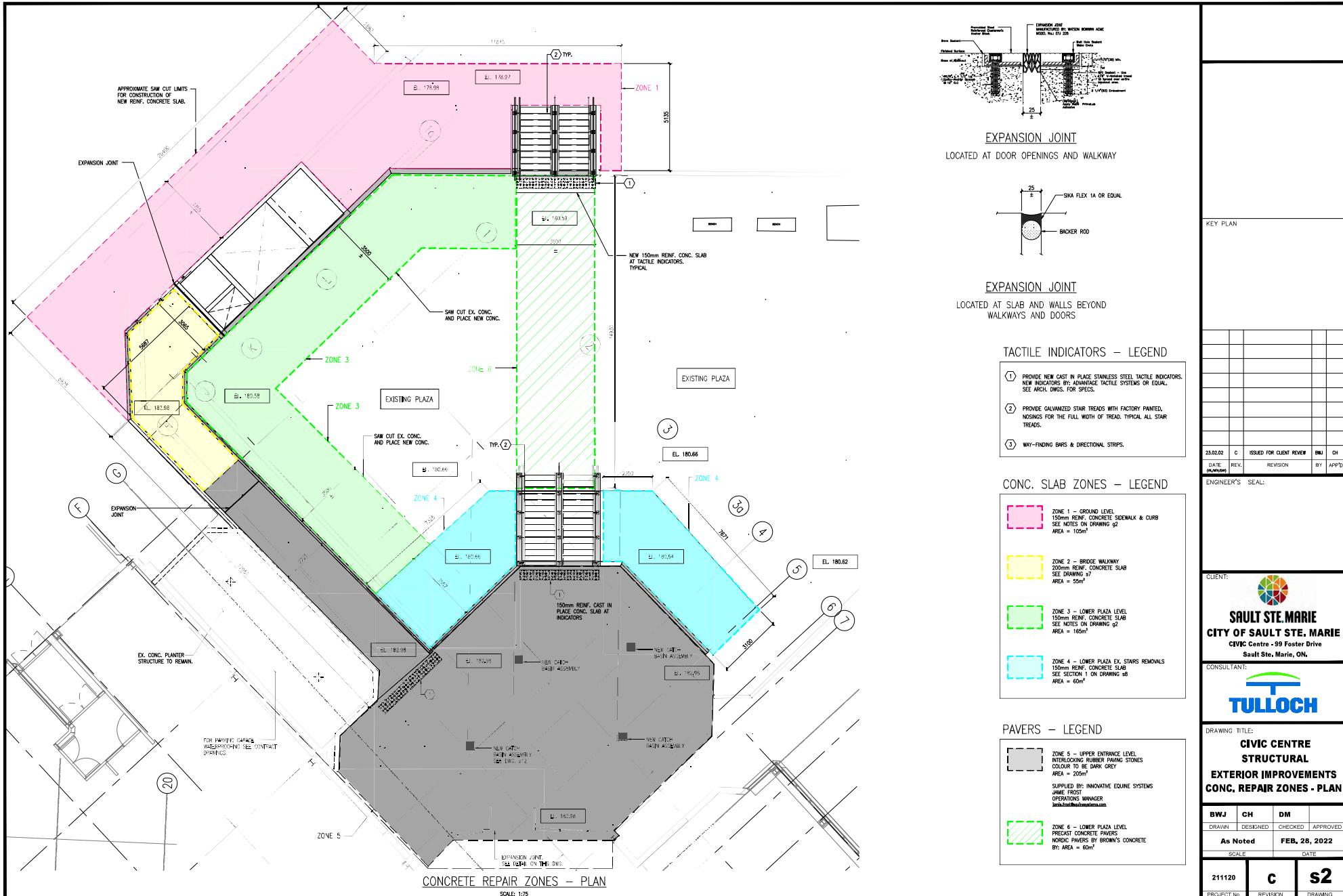
7. Barrier Removal Updates

- 7.1. Video Relay Interpreting (VRI) update

8. Site plan Sub Committee Report – Finnish Rest Home Phase 5 – Don McConnell, Chairperson AAC

9. Adjournment

Next May 10, 2023 In person and via Zoom 2:00 – 4:00





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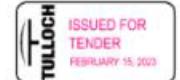
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Downtown Projects

Five projects/programs that affect the downtown

- **Sidewalk Patios**
- **On-Street Furnishing and Merchandising (two separate initiatives)**
- **Queen Street and Spring Street Reconstruction, Active Transportation Plan**
- **Rental Housing Financial Incentive Program (Expires in May 2024)**
- **Downtown Financial Incentive Program (Expired)**

- Encouraging patios in the downtown supports a larger initiative to make the downtown a more vibrant and active place.
- Patios occupy City property (the sidewalk or parking bay).
- Restaurants must apply to the City. City staff conduct a review process to ensure matters such as accessibility, pedestrian safety, insurance requirements are met.
- The Accessibility Advisory Committee is included in application circulation.
- Patios only permitted during May 15 to October 1. Depending on forecasted weather conditions, City sometimes changes this.

Downtown Sidewalk Patios



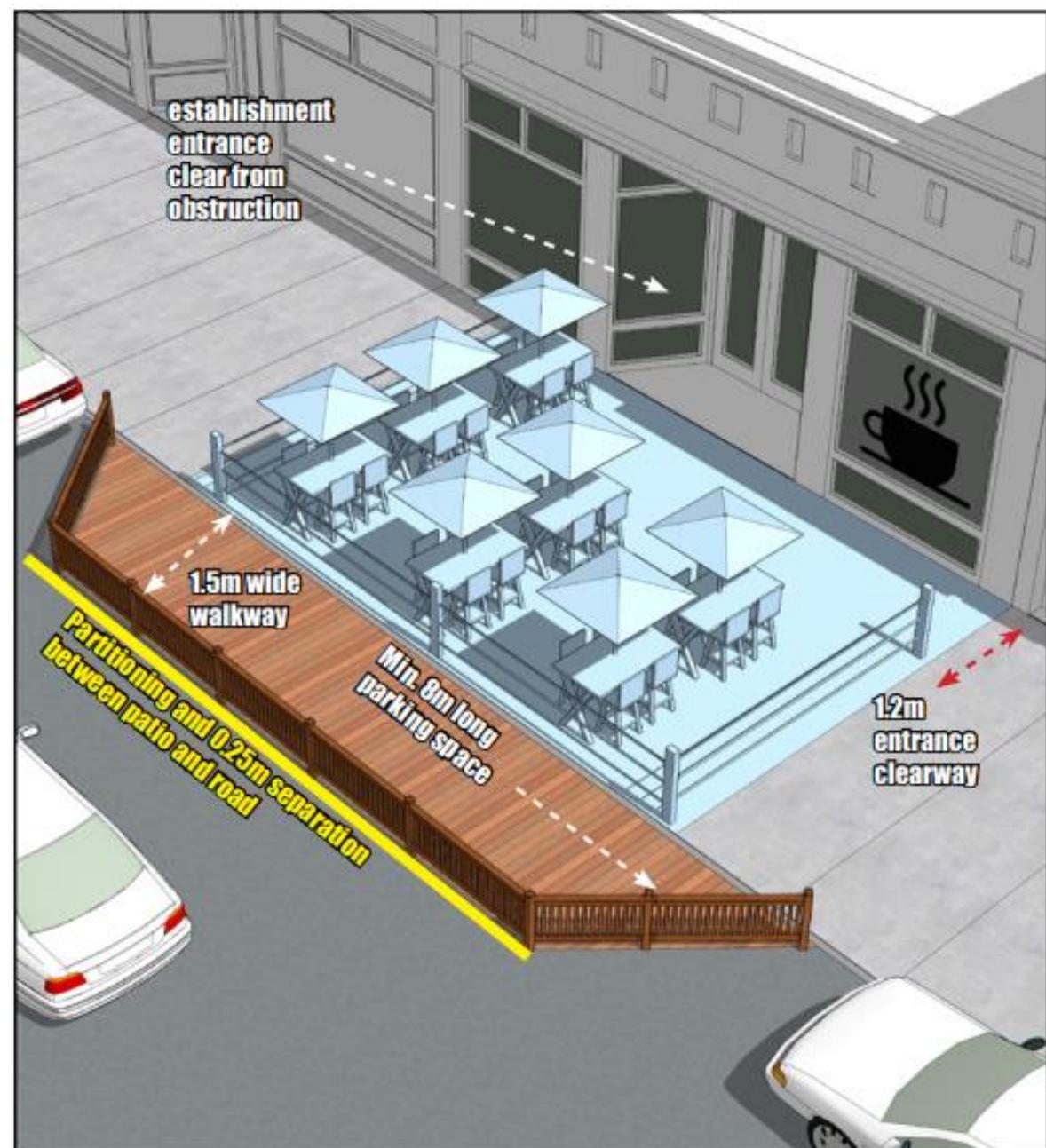
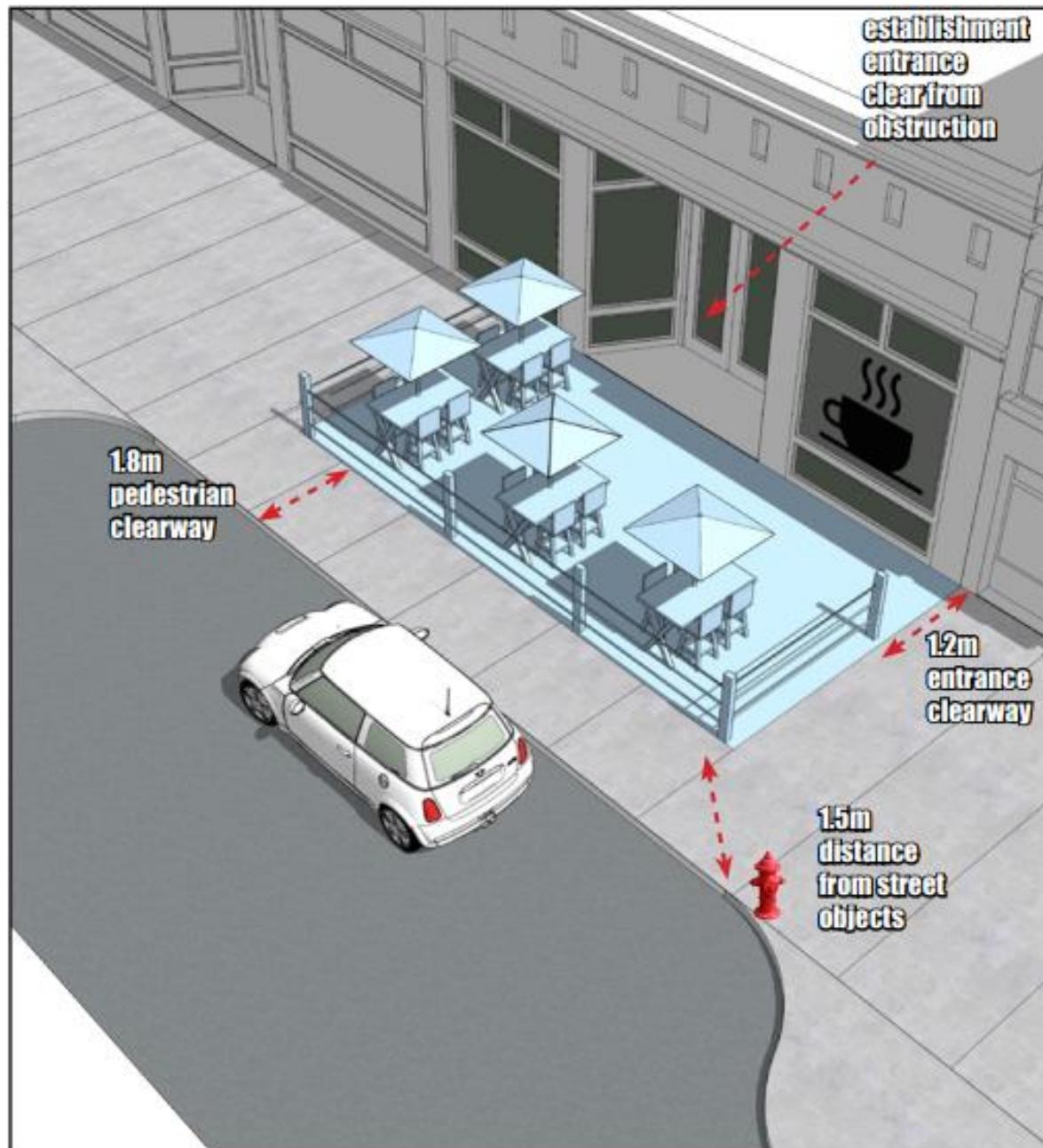
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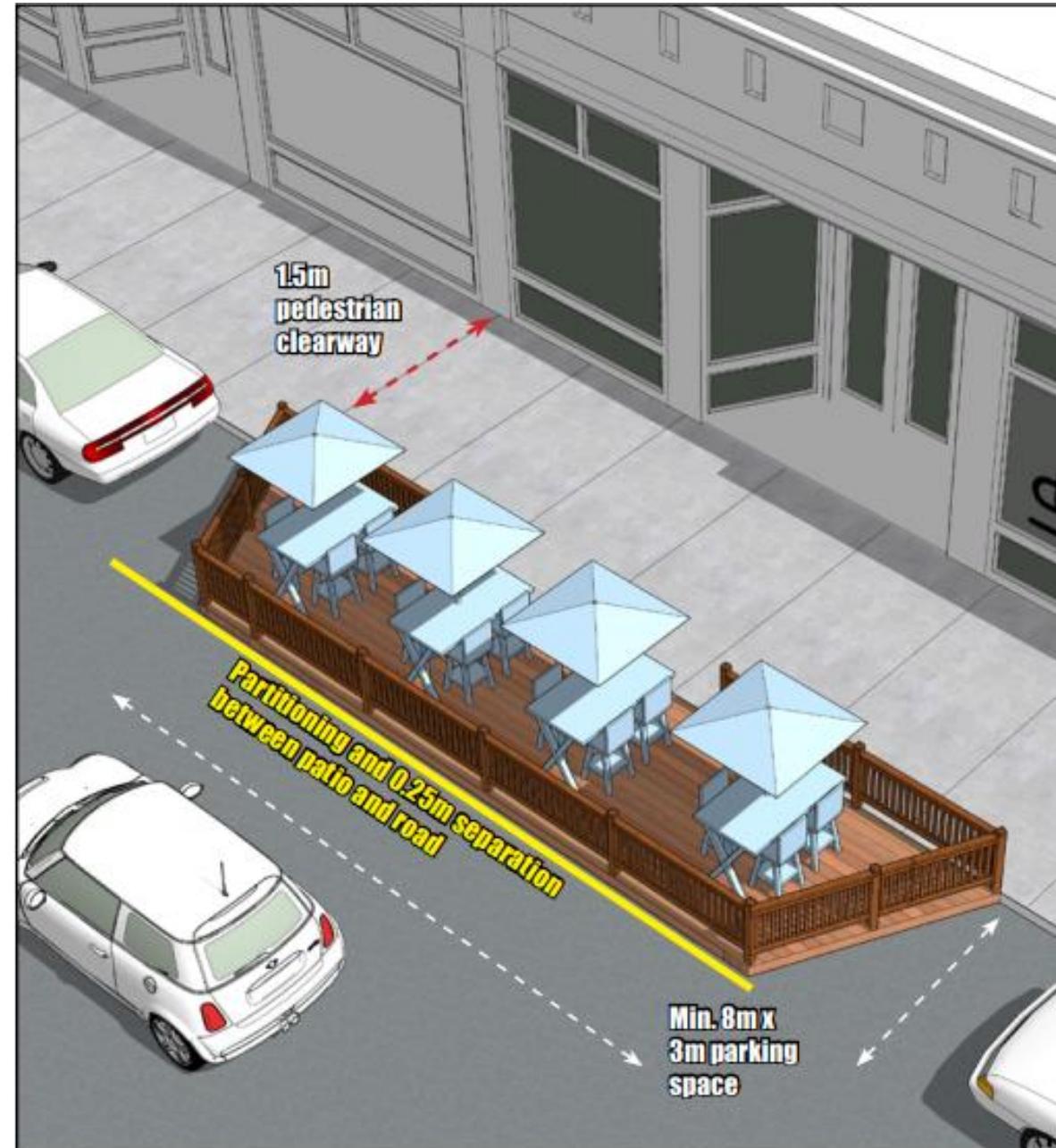
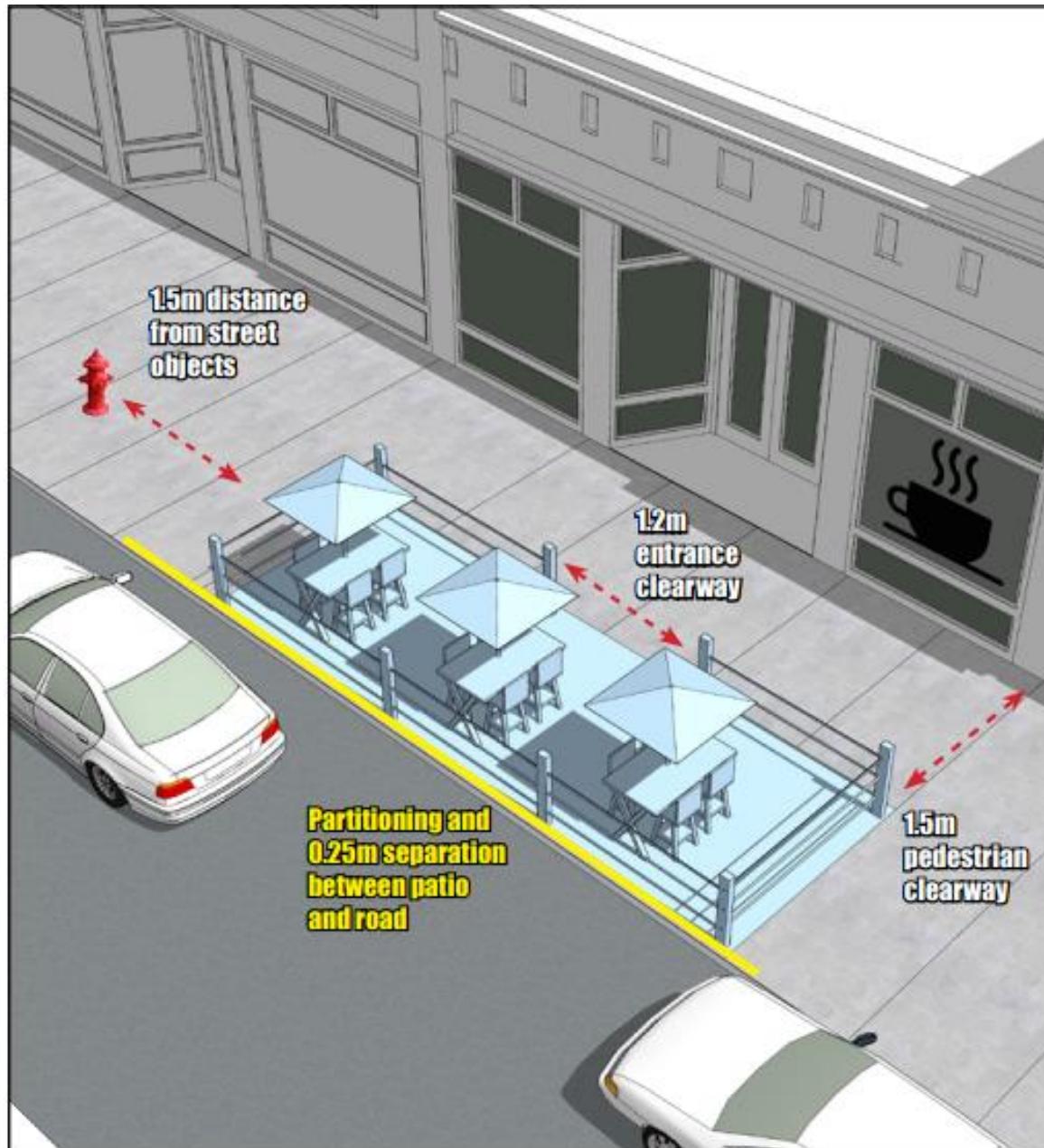
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- 1.2 metre wide patio entrance.
- At least 1 wheelchair accessible table that is easily accessible from the patio entrance.
- Transition between surfaces (City sidewalk to deck structure) must be level.
- Only permitted between May 15 and October 1.

On-Street Furnishings and Merchandising

**Sidewalk Furnishings and
Overhead Signs & Fixtures**

**Outdoor Merchandise
Displays**

- Businesses can hang signs and place items such as furnishings and merchandise displays on City property.

- **Small Street Furnishings** (e.g. planters, small benches and seating arrangements, decorations).
- Food and beverage services not permitted – falls under patio approval process.



On-Street Furnishings and Merchandising

- **Signs and small overhead fixtures** (e.g. overhanging and sandwich board signs, canopies, awnings, hanging planters, flags).



On-Street Furnishings and Merchandising

- **Outdoor Merchandise Displays** – allows businesses to recreate an on-going “market experience”.
- Helps businesses expand their sales.



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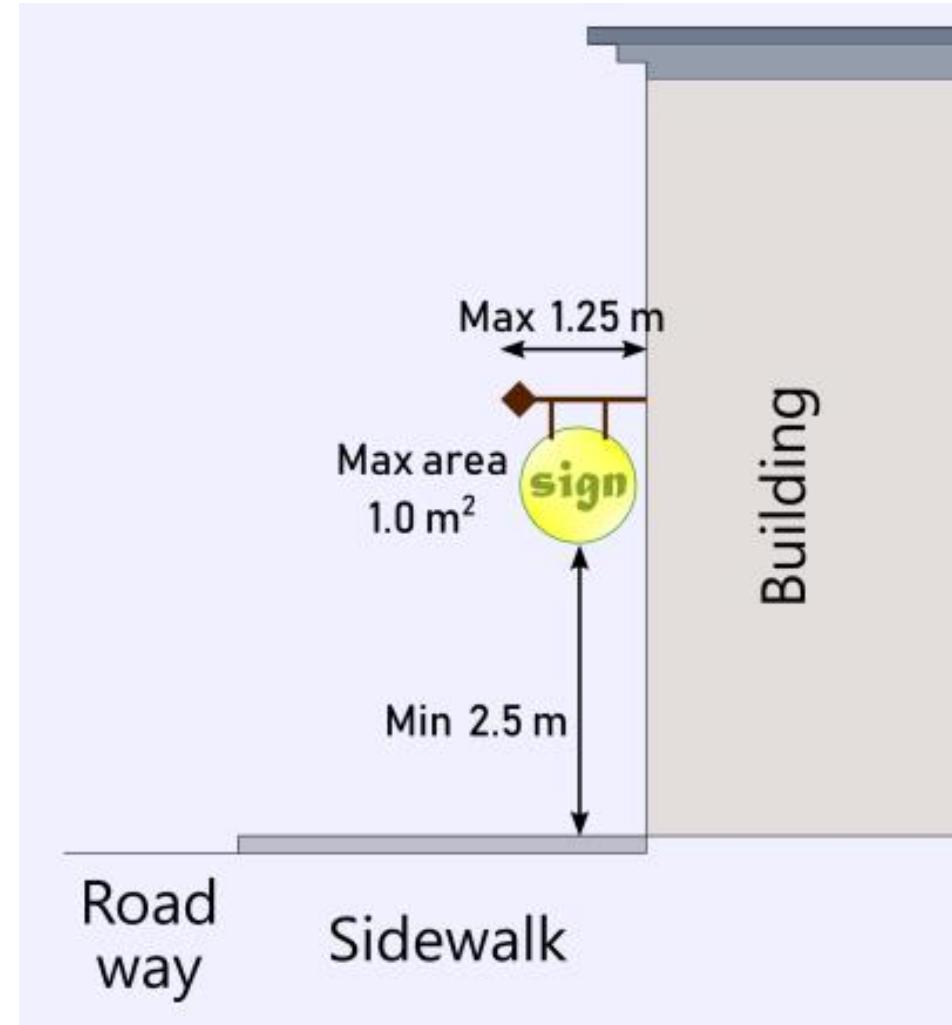
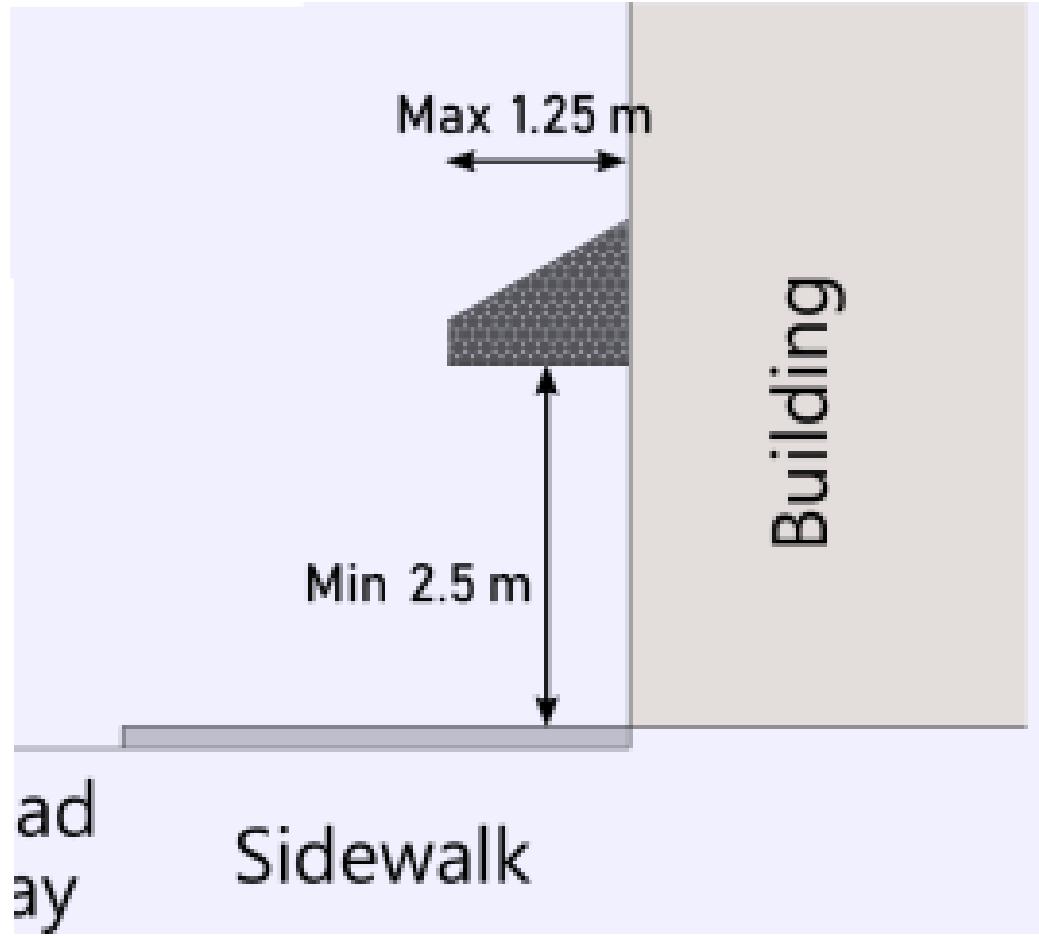


On-Street Furnishings and Merchandising





- Regulations for overhead fixtures (e.g. projecting signs, awnings):





- **Regulations for furnishings and merchandising placed on City property:**
- 1.5 metre unobstructed pedestrian path of travel (just like for patios).
- A business may only place merchandise in front of their building and must be removed at the end of the business day.
- Site triangle at intersections.
- Can only be placed during the April 1 to November 1 season. Easily moveable in event surprise weather climate.

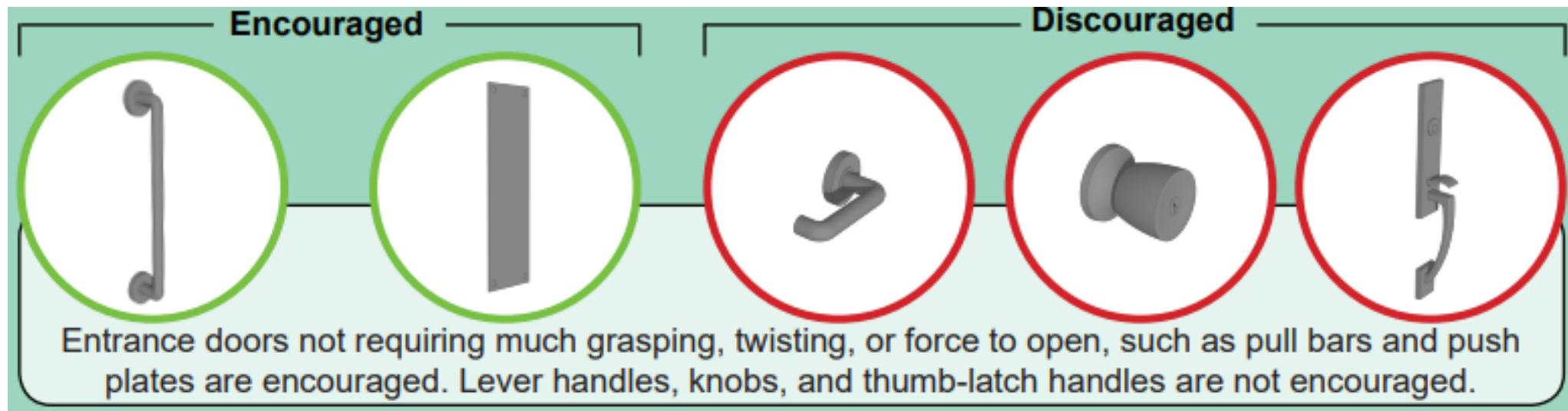
- **Reconstruction of Queen Street and Spring Street**

Still in pre-construction phase, but there will be consultation with the Accessibility Advisory Committee for design considerations.

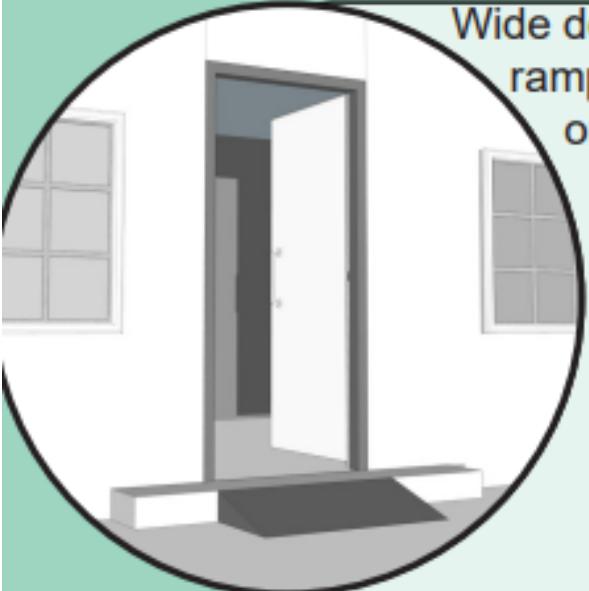
- **Active Transportation Plan**

City-wide plan, but new cycling routes are proposed for the downtown area.
WSP to engage with the AAC.

- Eligible façade and interior renovation projects could apply for a grant.
- Expired, but may be re-actives in the next few year.
- Incorporated accessibility related considerations.



Downtown Financial Incentive Program



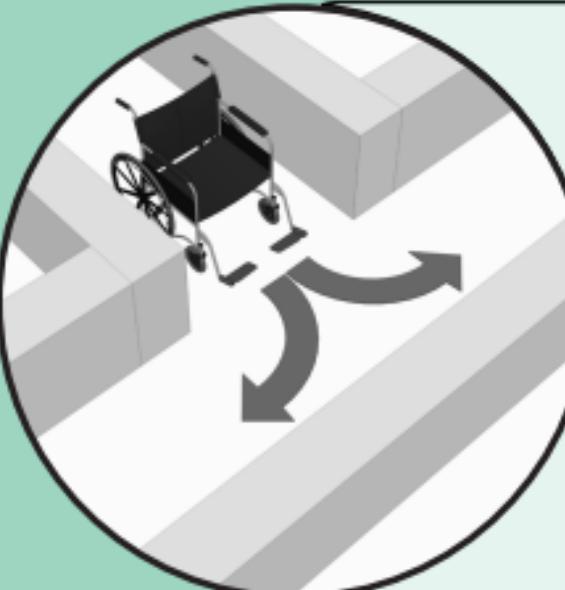
Wide door clearances and ramps for entrances with one or two steps, can mitigate limitations imposed on people who depend on walking aids, such as canes, walkers, wheelchairs, and scooters.



Sales and service counters should have a segment low enough for those in wheelchairs to conduct business.



Accessible washrooms are easier and safer to use for those experiencing physical limitations. Wide stall doors, ample floor space to allow wheelchairs to rotate, and grab bars at key locations are some examples that enhance accessibility.



Interior pathways should be wide enough and free from obstacles to enable a wheelchair to pass through and maneuver freely.

- **Rental Housing Community Improvement Plan (RCIP)**

Provides financial incentives for eligible rental developments, and additional grants for the inclusion of barrier free designs.

Expires in May 2024.

- **Upcoming financial incentives**

City currently in the process of expanding the scope of financial incentives.



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