

June 15 BIA Call Notes

John Kiru
Councillor Bradford
Mike Major, BIA Office

John Kiru acknowledged the land we are meeting on today.

Councillor Bradford Update:

Councillor Bradford provided updates on the following items.

- Council passed a motion to pilot live music on patios in three wards (19, 9, 14).
- Meeting last week with Minister Ing's office. There will be a new hiring support program launched intended to help businesses with rehiring as reopening expands. With vaccination rates going up, the economy will continue to reopen, and emergency supports will wind down.
- The Rent Subsidy program will not continue past September.
- Rapid testing kits for businesses. City announced a partnership with the Toronto Board of Trade to provide rapid testing kits to businesses with 150 or fewer employees. Businesses can visit www.bot.com/rapidsscreening to make requests.
- **Press Release:** https://www.toronto.ca/news/city-of-toronto-and-toronto-region-board-of-trade-to-distribute-covid-19-screening-kits-to-help-businesses-safely-reopen/?fbclid=IwAR1FPYwl5SRL2iWvJfluqYeOZ52oC2wa_jcSFdmPHS0H0117rGantMKqa1Q

Broadview Danforth BIA: Ensure before we move to phase two, we know exactly the rules and restrictions for the businesses slated to reopen in phase two.

Councillor Bradford: Do not have the clarity at the city level, will push and make those requests as a Councillor and City to the Province.

Mike Major, BIA Office Update:

John Kiru congratulates Mike on his retirement.

The BIA Office is working on safe reopening guidelines for businesses with Public Health. Those guidelines will be posted on the City's website. Several webinars will be hosted for any interested businesses to attend.

If you are not seeing something on the website you think would be helpful for your members, please forward to Mike.

Marianne Szczuryk provided an update on a new job incentive program called "BIA Connect YouthTO employment". The program will launch for applications next week. A Q&A session for BIAs is scheduled on **June 23 at 11:00am**. More details to follow this week.

Deadline is quicky approaching (June 25) for the BIA Office's LED certificate grant through Ryerson University. If interested, please contact Marianne directly for an application form - marianne.szczuryk@toronto.ca

If your BIA has not yet touched base with Sandi on the status of your Winter Activation Grant (plans to pivot, submit updated information) please do so ASAP - sandi.koitsis-zigomanis@toronto.ca

New Business:

Discussion held around CafeTO experiences to date.