

## June 22 BIA Call Notes

John Kiru  
Mike Major

John Kiru acknowledged the land we are meeting on today.

### Mike Major, BIA Office Update:

The mayor made it clear in a COVID-19 media availability last week that the city would not be cancelling Canada Day. The City's Canada Day programming will be announced closer to Canada Day. However, in-person events are cancelled through Labor Day because of COVID.

### **Councils' response to the Kamloops Residential School tragedy is set out below:**

City Council has recommitted to and approved taking further action to support truth, justice and reconciliation: <https://www.toronto.ca/news/city-of-toronto-recommits-to-truth-and-reconciliation-and-supports-further-actions-to-advance-truth-reconciliation-and-justice/>

While Canada Day is not being cancelled, you may want to refrain from using words like "Celebrating Canada Day" and use words like "Marking Canada Day". BIAs may want to consider wording like: "as we mark Canada's 154<sup>th</sup> birthday on July 1<sup>st</sup>, we also remain committed to advancing truth and reconciliation of the many injustices experienced by our indigenous communities".

**The Junction BIA:** AGM notices 15 business days before date of meeting. Is electronic distribution of notices permitted in addition to mail out from City to property owners?

**Mike Major:** Yes, that works.

**Queen Street West BIA:** An approved CafeTO operator's staff is being abused by a non-participating neighbour even though the neighbouring curblane was approved for use. Will the BIA Office step in to help mediate these situations?

**Mike Major:** Will not mediate. Curblane is city space and if approved by the city, that business is permitted to use.

**Riverside BIA:** Any advice in terms of planning for events and CafeTO in 2022? Any idea of when street events may be reconnecting with BIAs?

**Mike Major:** No CafeTO updates for 2022, reporting to come later this year. Budget accordingly for events in 2022, many BIAs are with the hope things will be more normal.

**Church-Wellesley Village BIA:** Rolling registration of CafeTO. New restaurants joining after patios are already built. Best practice from our BIA, seek help from your Councillor's office with a particular conflict.

**Mike Major:** CafeTO is aware of difficulties posed by a rolling registration. Looking at a hard deadline for registration in next years.

**Church-Wellesley Village BIA:** Two businesses located side by side, one sells alcohol the other food. Can they partner and one serve alcohol, one serve food? Alcohol licensee would extend insurance.

**Mike Major:** Would need to look into that.

**Queen Street West BIA:** Has anyone informally polled/had conversations with members on what they deem to be an affordable cost to pay for CafeTO in future year

**Mike Major:** CafeTO is funded through savings elsewhere. Fully anticipate that the city will look at costrecovery. Previously, sidewalk patios are charged a fee.

**John Kiru:** Addressed in TABIA's CafeTO survey.

### **New Business:**

TABIA has put a request into the province asking what Phase Four looks like of reopening. The current framework stops at three.

Discussion held on the federal budget not yet being passed and many subsidy programs coming to an end June 30, 2021.

**Kensington Market BIA:** Possibility of asking the provincial government to consider a commercial lease freeze?

**John Kiru:** Not likely but we can ask that question at the next round table meeting.