

July 13 BIA Call Notes

John Kiru
Councillor Bradford
Chris Bakalakis, FedDev
Tobiah Abramson, CafeTO
Mike Major, BIA Office

John Kiru acknowledged the land we are meeting on today

Councillor Bradford Update:

The Councillor reported on the following items:

- City of Toronto receives 19 million in federal funding to support main street and small business recovery initiatives.
- **Press Release:** <https://www.toronto.ca/news/city-of-toronto-receives-federal-funding-to-support-main-street-and-small-business-recovery-initiatives/>
- Accelerated reopening, moving into stage three on Friday. There is currently no clarity beyond stage three at this point.

Queen Street West BIA: Will modifications be made to permit low amplified noise outdoors?

Councillor Bradford: It is permitted. You cannot have a band performing on a patio at all, except for the pilot done in three wards. You can have speakers playing ambient music.

Forest Hill Village BIA: Any updates on holding events?

Councillor Bradford: Official position of the city is no events permitted until September. Given the acceleration of reopening, the city will need to respond accordingly. Can circle back on that and share response through TABIA.

FedDev Presentation:

Chris Bakalakis has joined our call to brief BIAs on the Canada Community Revitalization Fund (CCRF). Presentation has been circulated with meeting notes.

Chris also spoke briefly on the Tourism Relief Fund, now open for applications - https://www.feddevontario.gc.ca/eic/site/723.nsf/eng/h_02650.html?OpenDocument

Mike Major: Please contact your BIA Office Advisor if your BIA plans to submit an application to the FedDev CCRF Program. This will help us to plan and manage our annual cost-share budget, programming, and levels of support accordingly

CafeTO Update:

Tobiah Abramson provided an update on the CafeTO program to date.

CafeTO is preparing a survey. There will be multiple survey streams including members of public, participating restaurants, and BIAs.

CafeTO registration is still ongoing. New lists are sent to IBI on a weekly basis as they catch up with a backlog.

There has been general enforcement around accessibility issues. CafeTO is actively working with enforcement partners on that and will continue to conduct proactive and reactive patrols.

CafeTO is preparing sample social media posts, and correspondence to CafeTO participants specifically around the accessibility requirements of the closures.

St. Lawrence Market BIA: Are fines being considered?

Tobiah Abramson: No fines are tied to breaking the program guidebook. There is feasibility of revoking CafeTO participation.

Mike Major, BIA Office Update:

Mike walked the group through each Toronto Main Street Recovery and Rebuild Initiative.

- Retail Accelerator Program
- Vacant Commercial Space Rehabilitation Grant Program
- Main Street Innovation Fund
- plazaPOPS (Privately-Owned Public Spaces)
- CafeTO funding
- Support for Businesses in Little Jamaica/Eglinton Avenue West (in partnership with the Black Business and Professional Association – BBPA)

New Business:

Discussion held around the need for public washrooms, specifically existing public facilities that are yet to be open.

Mike Major spoke to the city's Metrolinx working group status.