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**Sent:** May 4, 2022 12:35 PM  
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As Per our conversation

We are proposing to continue operation of the hill side patio on the east side of the street of West Street.

As per the past 2 years, the provincial government has given municipal governments the ability to allow the extension of patios, to help local restaurants recover from Covid. The provincial government. and our local Public health officer. Dr. Hirji has asked local governments to provide more outdoor dining in the summer, to help reduce the spread of covid.

The Canalside does not have the ability to use parking spots in front of our business as other businesses in the area are able to do. We have been told that we can use 2 parking spots on the east side of West St instead. We do not feel that this is in the best interest to both the city and the local businesses to use 2 premier parking spots, when we have a grass area adjacent to it that is not used as often as the parking spots.

The Canalside has had many customers ask us if we are going to have the hill side patio again this year. There is a great demand for outdoor seating in these times, and customers have stated that they love sitting on the other side of the street and enjoying a meal along the canal, watching the ships go by. For the past 2 years we have operated a hill side patio with no issue at all. The Canalside has shown that this patio has added to the dining experience and tourist experience, visiting Port Colborne. The AGCO has given the approval to continue this for one more season and we ask that our council allow us to continue this as long as the AGCO is approving this.

We are proposing to add wooden stairs with a railing up to the patio, that we will remove at the end of the season. Also, decorative rope boundary around the patio and solar lighting to enhance the appeal of the patio. IF council has other recommendations to improve the look or design of the patio we are happy to work with them on this endeavour.

The Canalside has for the past 2 years offered outside patio entertainment along the canal every Friday and Saturday in the summer season in order to attract customers to West st. We have found that this entertainment has helped create a festive atmosphere along the canal, that not only helps Canalside, but other businesses, as well in the city. On any given weekend night you can find residents and tourists relaxing along the canal, sitting on the rocks or having take out meals along the canal, while listening to enjoying our live music that we have provided. This year we are proposing to offer live music Thursday, Friday and Saturday night. We feel that adding the Thursday night will be an added bonus to our already busy downtown due to the Car show. It will also be inviting as the cruise ships go through the canal, and see what our downtown has to offer. We are hoping that this will encourage people to stay longer in Port Colborne.

We have spoken to many businesses on the street, and the BIA regarding this. We can provide a list of those who support the patio extension. Many businesses have told us that they have been very happy with the patio and see the advantages of having this continue.

Thank you

Greg and Rosemari Poisson

Canalside Restaurant/ Inn and Kitchen Store

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Date: Tue., May 3, 2022, 11:34 a.m.

Subject: Delegation-May 10th 2022

To: [REDACTED]  
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Good Morning Greg,

As per our conversation, please provide a brief summary of items that you will be proposing at the meeting.

Thank you,

**Saima Tufail**  
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