



## TOWN OF PELHAM POLICY MANUAL

P201-04

Department:  
COUNCIL

Name of Policy:  
Sidewalk Encroachment

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### **POLICY STATEMENT:**

*Council understands and is committed to the role of streets in the urban environment as places for pedestrian interaction. They should be designed with the pedestrian in mind, as well as a means for vehicles to pass through the urban environment. In order to encourage lively streetscapes and extend downtown activity and use into sidewalks, streets in all downtown areas should be designed to create destination opportunities for shopping, places to walk, and to sit and gather, such as cafés and patios.*

*Streets, parking lanes and sidewalks in downtown areas are public property, along with streetscape elements such as shade trees, planters, benches light standards etc. and must be considered in the use of sidewalks and parking lanes as places to sit and gather. Special non-pedestrian use of sidewalks and parking lanes must not inhibit pedestrian travel, emergency access and must be compliant with all accessibility standards and legislation.*

*The use of public sidewalks and parking lanes in downtown areas must apply to the Clerk's office for approval and must be compliant with, but not limited to:*

- *Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act, 2005 and applicable Ontario Regulations thereto;*
- *The Town of Pelham Urban Design Guidelines for Downtown Fenwick & Fonthill;*
- *Zoning By-law requirements;*
- *Sign By-law requirements;*
- *Building Code requirements.*