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We have NO business, NONE, since Covid 19. Not sure what more you need to know. We have two store fronts, one is a restaurant, the other is a market where I also make and sell soap.

There is not enough local population (and most can't afford it) to support the number of businesses we have.

We are a tourist town and as such we cater to tourism with the businesses that are here.

Restaurants in particular have been hard hit, with already low profit margins and unable to open. When they do there will be so many restrictions we may never be able to afford to open the doors again.

Even though I have been able to open the market storefront with limits on the number of people (2), sanitizer, barriers, arrows, ... people are not coming in, most are hesitant to because of the pandemic. We ALL need the summer tourist months to survive the winters when there is minimal business.

This is a crisis. We have not qualified for any government supports like rent relief. Other expenses are the same. Our liquor licence was approved two day AFTER the lock down and allowing us to sell takeout alcohol forces us to compete with the LCBO and the Beer Store and only if the bottle hasn't been opened or the keg tapped.

Patio permits that won't be used have been paid, thankfully the county reimbursed us, but not the town.

We can manage one more month, all our money is gone into keeping this business afloat. We still have a home to cover.

What is your solution, tell me.