

Subject: Face Coverings in Enclosed Public Places Policy**Recommendation:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report #2020-0124 for information.

Background:

On Thursday, July 23, Niagara Regional Council passed a temporary face covering by-law to require residents to wear face coverings in enclosed public places, and on Regional and municipal transit during the COVID-19 pandemic. On Monday, August 10, Town of Pelham Council also passed a temporary face covering by-law similar to that of the Niagara Region.

Town of Pelham staff developed a Face Covering in Enclosed Public Places policy in order to provide direction to employees working within all municipal buildings to meet the requirements of both by-laws.

Analysis:

A policy was required to outline requirements, responsibilities, exemptions, and how to appropriately serve and interact with the public upon their arrival at municipal buildings. This policy was modelled on equivalent policies from other municipalities.

Both staff and the public have been required to wear face coverings in all spaces where the public have access since July 31. This policy has been rolled out successfully as there have been zero issues with compliance.

Financial Considerations:

There are no financial considerations with respect to implementing this policy. The Town has a healthy supply of face masks on hand should staff or the public require one prior to entering Town buildings.

Alternatives Reviewed:

This policy is required in order to comply with the Town of Pelham and the Niagara Region Face Coverings By-Laws.

Strategic Plan Relationship: Risk Management

Ensuring that Town staff adhere to the Face Covering in Public Places Policy will reduce the risk of spreading COVID-19 in the workplace as facilities and services continue to reopen.

Consultation:

The Face Coverings in Public Places Policies from Haldimand County and the United Counties of Leeds and Grenville were reviewed prior to the preparation of this policy.

Other Pertinent Reports/Attachments:

Appendix "A" – Face Coverings in Enclosed Public Places Policy

Appendix "B" – Face Coverings in Enclosed Public Places Procedure C19-09

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