

Subject: Mandatory Face Covering Bylaw Extension**Recommendation:**

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council receive Report #2020-0134 ;

AND THAT Council hereby resolves to extend the mandatory face covering bylaw #4270(2020) until December 7th, 2020

Background:

At the time of writing this report, the Town's mandatory face covering bylaw remains in effect. The bylaw is due to expire on October 1st 2020 and Niagara Public Health continues to recommend all persons wear a face covering in all indoor public places.

Analysis:

The Covid 19 pandemic remains a serious threat around the world, cases continue to increase and persons of all ages are in a state of constant threat of contracting the virus. Public health units around the world state that face coverings are one of the main tools people can use to reduce the risk of contracting the virus. With the easing of restrictions and the increase in activities in public places the rate of infections is on the rise. 62% of transmissions are related to close contact, when a person cannot maintain a 6 foot physical distance from others the risk increases however wearing a face covering greatly reduces this risk.

Financial Considerations:

None

Alternatives Reviewed:

None

Strategic Plan Relationship: Risk Management

Employers have a responsibility to take every reasonable precaution to protect their employees. This bylaw would extend health protection to all residents of the Town.

Consultation:

EOC group, region CEMC,s public health

Other Pertinent Reports/Attachments:

None

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