



OAKVILLE

REPORT

Council

Meeting Date: February 28, 2022

FROM: CAO's Office
DATE: February 22, 2022
SUBJECT: Recovery Update
LOCATION: Town-wide
WARD: Town-wide

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the following recommendations contained in the minutes of the COVID-19 Recovery Committee meeting of February 23, 2022, attached as Appendix A, be approved effective March 1, 2022:

1. That the Mayor's Declaration of Emergency of March 24, 2020 remain in place and that the decision to terminate be revisited upon the expiry of the Region of Halton's Mask By-law 47-20 or upon termination of the Declaration of Emergency by the Regional Chair of The Regional Municipality of Halton;
2. The Town will follow provincial public health measures, including any requirements of Halton Public Health, and as a result will no longer require the public to show proof of vaccination when entering town facilities. The relevant procedure will be revised accordingly;
3. Town Hall will reopen to the public as follows:
 - a. ServiceOakville counter,
 - b. Boardrooms in the north/west corner of town hall and the south atrium may be booked for public use;
4. That Council and Committee meetings continue to be held virtually and upon further lifting of public health measures, that a hybrid model be used for Council and Committee meetings;
5. The Town's Covid-19 Vaccination Policy and Procedure for staff, members of Council, tenants and members of boards and committees and contractors remain unchanged.

KEY FACTS:

The following are key points for consideration with respect to this report:

- The COVID-19 Recovery Committee met on February 23, 2022 and received a staff report that outlined recommendations resulting from the anticipated reduction or elimination of provincial public health measures.
- The agenda for the COVID-19 Recovery Committee meeting held on February 23, 2022 is attached as Appendix B and a confidential memo attached to the agenda as Appendix C.

BACKGROUND:

- On February 14, 2022, the Province of Ontario announced that, subject to public health and health system indicators continuing to improve, the Province intends as of March 1, 2022 to take additional steps to ease public health measures, including:
 - Lifting remaining capacity limits in all remaining public sectors;
 - Lifting provincial proof of vaccination requirements for all settings.
- The Province has signaled that masking requirements may be eliminated in the near future, however, no formal announcement has been made. Halton Region's Mask By-law 47-20 will continue to be in effect until April 30, 2022, unless revoked or further extended by Regional Council.
- While municipalities have been exempt from provincial orders, the town has acted in accordance with all requirements in an effort to demonstrate corporate leadership.
- In light of the Province's actions, the Town needs to consider the following:
 1. Town's Declaration of Emergency;
 2. Proof of vaccination requirements for entering town facilities;
 3. Reopening of Town Hall;
 4. Return to in-person Council and Committee meetings;
 5. Implications to our Vaccination Policy/Procedures for the following:
 - a. Town Employees;
 - b. Members of Council;
 - c. Tenants with access through town facilities;
 - d. Boards and Committees;
 - e. Contractors.
- The mandate of the Recovery Committee is to:
 - Establish the strategic goals and guiding principles of the Recovery Program;
 - Manage and align outside influences;

- Steer the program through deliberation, decision making, support and action;
- Drive the return to service implementation timeline;
- Ensure the Town of Oakville and Halton Regional elected officials are informed of the status and activities of the recovery process;
- Receive information from, and provide direction to, the recovery teams to ensure that necessary services are provided and are being coordinated;
- Provide recommendations to Oakville Town Council concerning expenditure of funds, new by-laws or changes to existing by-laws, and such other matters as may require Council approval;
- Decide on the termination of recovery activities and the wind-up of recovery subcommittees;
- Prepare a final report on the recovery phase of the emergency for submission to Council.

COMMENT/OPTIONS:

- The Emergency Control Group (ECG) has considered options for each of the above and recommended the actions as noted above to the Recovery Committee. A summary of the elements considered for each of the above are attached in Appendices B and C.

CONSIDERATIONS:

(A) PUBLIC

Public access to town facilities was restricted to allow only those aged 12 and above with proof of vaccination, as per provincial direction. As of March 1, 2022, all members of the public will now be able to freely enter town facilities.

(B) FINANCIAL

These specific actions have no additional financial impacts.

(C) IMPACT ON OTHER DEPARTMENTS & USERS

There is no impact on other departments or users.

(D) CORPORATE STRATEGIC GOALS

This supports the accountable government key area of focus of Council's Strategic Plan.

(E) CLIMATE CHANGE/ACTION

These specific actions have no climate action impacts.

APPENDICES:

Appendix A: Recovery Committee Minutes

Appendix B: Recovery Committee Agenda, Staff Report, Appendices A, B, C, D, F

Appendix C: Recovery Committee Confidential Appendix E (*distributed under separate cover to Mayor and Members of Council only*)

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