



Staff Report

Report Title: Emergency Management Update (26)

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Department: Clerk

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Committee of the Whole hereby approves Report Number CLK-2021-09-114 prepared by Emily Dance, Clerk

Background:

Grey Bruce Health Unit (GBHU)

GBHU continues to offer multiple pop-up vaccine clinics across the area. A Pop-Up Clinic was held on Saturday September 25, 2021, from 9am-12 noon at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre and one is scheduled for October 4, 2021, from 4pm to 6pm at the Lucknow & District Sports Complex.

Province of Ontario

The proof of vaccine requirements which applies to indoor areas of facilities used for sports and recreational fitness activities took effect on September 22, 2021. The province indicated that the new requirement is expected to help increase vaccination rates, protect individuals in higher-risk indoor settings, and keep businesses open.

Discussion:

The Municipal Emergency Control Group and Planning and Operations Committee have been in discussion regarding the proof of vaccine requirements as it pertains to our facilities.

The implementation of the vaccine certification process has resulted in some challenges in ensuring the public is following provincial regulations and those of users' groups that have implemented stricter policies than that of the facility, for example, minor hockey.

There was an unfortunate incident on September 29, 2021, where an individual entered the Ripley-Huron Community Centre without showing proof of identification

and proof of being fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as required by Ontario Regulation 364/20. The individual refused to leave and the OPP had to be called to assist with the enforcement of the provincial regulation.

As previously reported a security firm was hired from September 22nd, 2021, until October 6th, 2021, to assist in the proof of identification and proof of vaccination process, following on October 7th we will be using Casual Part-Time staff to screen patrons at point of entry.

Financial Impacts:

Provincial funds will be used to off-set the costs for screeners.

Strategic Alignment / Link:

We are an accessible community by being open and transparent.

Respectfully Submitted By:

Emily Dance, Clerk

Approved By:

Mary Rose Walden, Chief Administrative Officer