



The Corporation of the Township of Huron-Kinloss

Staff Report

Report Title: Emergency Management Update (27)

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Department: Clerk

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Attachments:

Recommendation:

That the Township of Huron-Kinloss Council hereby receives for information Report Number CLK-2021-10-122 prepared by Emily Dance, Clerk

Background:

Vaccine Clinics

A "[GO-VAXX](#)" clinic Pop-Up Vaccine Clinic is scheduled for Monday October 25, 2021 from 11 am to 5pm at the Ripley-Huron Community Centre.

GO-VAXX buses are GO Buses converted to serve as mobile vaccine clinic as part of the provinces last mile strategy to target those who have yet to receive a first of second dose for the COVID-19 vaccine.

The buses are travelling to malls, festivals, community hubs and events throughout the summer and fall. Each bus operates as a fully functioning vaccine clinic with the necessary supplies and trained staff to provide assistance to people and ensure vaccines are administered safely. All COVID-19 safety precautions are followed on board, including the required pre-vaccination screening and post-vaccination monitoring.

Province of Ontario

On Friday October 8, 2021 the [province announced](#) they would be cautiously lifting capacity limits in select indoor and outdoor settings where proof of vaccination is required. These venues include concert venues, theatres and cinemas, spectator areas of facilities for sports and recreational fitness, meeting and event space (subject to physical distancing requirements)

Discussion:

The Municipal Emergency Control Group and Planning and Operations Committee have been in discussion regarding the changes and updates in provincial regulations associated with the COVID-19 pandemic.

Once the regulations regarding Spector areas for sports facilities are posted, procedures will be updated accordingly.

The recent process for entering the facilities with proof of identification and proof of vaccination has been smooth.

Vaccine Policy

O/Reg 364/20 states:

"(2.1) The person responsible for a business or organization that is open shall operate the business or organization in compliance with any advice, recommendations and instructions issued by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health, or by a medical officer of health after consultation with the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health,

(a) requiring the business or organization to establish, implement and ensure compliance with a COVID-19 vaccination policy; or

(b) setting out the precautions and procedures that the business or organization must include in its COVID-19 vaccination policy."

On September 1, 2021 "Grey Bruce Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Ian Arra, issued a press release recommending that local employers develop a workplace vaccination policy to protect their workers and the public from COVID-19."

On October 7, 2021, Bruce County Council approved a COVID-19 Vaccination Policy for County staff, council, volunteers, students, contractors, and consultants. The policy requires these individuals to provide proof of being fully vaccinated, or proof of a medical exemption, and/or complete an education program and undergo regular testing.

Staff is currently working on a similar policy for the Township which will be presented to Council at an upcoming meeting.

Financial Impacts:

The total financial impacts related to the pandemic are not known at this time.

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