
MEMORANDUM

CL-C 72-2020

Subject: Face Covering By-laws – City of St. Catharines, Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake and City of Mississauga

Date: July 23, 2020

To: Regional Council

From: Ann-Marie Norio, Regional Clerk

At its Special meeting held on July 8, 2020, Regional Council considered Report CAO 15-2020 – Options to Consider for Mandating Face Masks and subsequently deferred the matter of approval of a temporary by-law requiring mandatory face coverings in enclosed public places during the COVID-19 pandemic. Staff were requested to include in the proposed by-law provisions requiring owners and operators of enclosed public spaces to have a policy in place respecting the wearing of face coverings similar to the provisions provided for in the by-law mandating face coverings passed by the City of Mississauga.

Memorandum CAO 16-2020 has been included on the agenda for the July 23, 2020 Regional Council meeting (Agenda Item 10.1) and provides additional information respecting face coverings. Appendix 4 of CAO 16-2020 is an updated draft proposed by-law that in accordance with the direction provided to staff includes provisions similar to those in the City of Mississauga's by-law with regard to required policies for owners and operators of enclosed public spaces. A copy of the City of Mississauga's is attached for Council's information (Appendix 1).

Since the Special Regional Council meeting on July 8, both the City of St. Catharines and the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake have passed by-laws mandating the wearing of masks in enclosed public spaces within their municipalities. The City of St. Catharines By-law came into effect on July 17 and the Town of Niagara-on-the-Lake's by-law will be effective on July 23. These respective by-laws are attached for Council's information (Appendices 2 and 3).

Respectfully submitted and signed by

Ann-Marie Norio
Regional Clerk