MOTION – April 7, 2021

Moved by: Councillor Parrish

WHEREAS COVID-19 variants are attacking younger victims - many of whom are essential workers:

WHEREAS it has been known for months that essential workers in warehouses, manufacturing facilities, logistic companies and packaging companies are a source of spread that is not being addressed by lockdowns or age-related vaccine distribution;

WHEREAS essential employees, working shoulder to shoulder, and multi-contact front line workers - often those without sick leave which would allow them to self-isolate at the onset of symptoms are contacting infection in their workplaces;

WHEREAS essential workers are spreading COVID variants in multi-generational households - family members who are initially asymptomatic then spread disease in schools and other public places;

WHEREAS vaccinating by age group is methodical but is not stopping the spread of COVID-19 and its variants effectively.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

The City of Mississauga Council support the Region of Peel's outfitting mobile vaccination units to go into high infection workplace sites in Caledon, Brampton and Mississauga to vaccinate all workers wanting to be vaccinated, regardless of age, necessitating only a 20 minute pause in their productivity; and further

That the mobile program include those employed in schools, transit workers and other essential workers exposed to multiple human contacts, again regardless of age.

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