

July 6, 2020

Mayor Bonnie Crombie and Members of Mississauga City Council
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VIA EMAIL – city.clerk@mississauga.ca

Madam Mayor and Members of Council,

Re: Mandatory Mask Wearing in Indoor Public Places

The Mississauga Board of Trade (MBOT) would like to address City Council on the issue of mandatory wearing of masks in indoor public places as it is considered at the Council meeting of July 8, 2020.

MBOT wants to ensure that the decision to implement a temporary by-law in this regard is based on the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer of Health for Peel Region Dr. Lawrence Loh and can be properly administered by municipal officials.

MBOT represents many businesses that will be impacted by any such by-law and we want to ensure that health and safety criteria are the main determinants of such action. With safety in mind, MBOT strongly recommends the by-law be written in a fashion, so mandatory masks only be required in businesses where physical distancing is not practical or possible.

It is essential however that enforcement of such a by-law, businesses are not required to “police” the enforcement causing potential conflicts between businesses and their customers. The individual not complying with the by-law is the one who should be fined and not the business doing its best to ensure compliance.

Further if a mandatory mask wearing by-law is enacted, we are hopeful this will send a message to the Government of Ontario that Mississauga is ready to proceed to Stage 3 re-openings as soon as possible so that more Mississauga businesses can open their doors.

MBOT would like to thank City Council for considering our points in this issue and hope that any by-law enacted will take into account any concerns businesses may have.

Yours truly,



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