

City of Mississauga
Corporate Report



Date: September 2, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of Council

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Originator's files:

Meeting date:
 September 16, 2020

Subject

Extending the operation and enforcement of the City's Mandatory Face Covering By-law 0169-2020 and the City's COVID-19 Related Measures for Restaurants and Drinking Establishments By-law 0194-2020 to January 20, 2021

Recommendation

1. That the report of the City Solicitor dated September 1, 2020 entitled "Extending the operation and enforcement of the City's Mandatory Face Covering By-law 0169-2020 and the City's COVID-19 Related Measures for Restaurants and Drinking Establishments By-law 0194-2020 to January 20, 2021 " be received for information.
2. That the City's Mandatory Face Covering By-law 0169-2020 and the City's COVID-19 Related Measures for Restaurants and Drinking Establishments By-law 0194-2020 be amended to extend operation and enforcement until January 20, 2021.

Background

On July 8, 2020, Council enacted the COVID-19 Mandatory Face Covering By-law 0169-2020. This by-law requires all persons (subject to some exceptions) to wear a face covering inside buildings where the public is ordinarily invited or permitted access. This includes retail stores, indoor sports and recreational facilities, apartments and condominiums.

On August 5, 2020, Council enacted the COVID-19 Related Measures for Restaurants and Drinking Establishments By-law 0194-2020. This by-law established additional measures for restaurants and bars, including limiting capacity to 100 persons and limiting each table used by patrons to 10 persons. Both by-laws were enacted pursuant to the recommendations made by Dr. Loh, the Medical Officer of Health for the Region of Peel, to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19.

Present Status

Following the enactment of the COVID-19 Mandatory Face Covering By-law 0169-2020 and the COVID-19 Related Measures for Restaurants and Drinking Establishments By-law 0194-2020 (collectively the “COVID-19 By-laws”), Enforcement staff have reported that property and business owners have responded positively and were brought into compliance with the assistance of an Inspection Officer.

The following table provides an overview enforcement statistics related to the COVID-19 Mandatory Face Covering By-law and the COVID-19 Related Measures for Restaurants and Drinking Establishments By-law starting from July 10, 2020 to present:

CUMULATIVE STATISTICS	
Mandatory Face Covering and Restaurant and Drinking Establishment By-laws	
Public Complaints	936
Inspections	945
Notices of Contravention	27
Tickets and Charges	0

Comments

The COVID-19 By-laws are to remain in force and effect until 12:01 a.m. on October 1, 2020. On September 8, 2020, Dr. Hau, the Associate Medical Officer of Health, for the Region of Peel (on behalf of Dr. Loh), sent a letter to the Mayors of the lower-tier municipalities in the Region of Peel recommending that the COVID-19 By-laws be extended until the end of 2020 (see Appendix 1). As a result, staff are recommending that the COVID-19 By-laws be amended to extend operation and enforcement until January 20, 2021, which is the first scheduled meeting of City Council of 2021.

Financial Impact

There are no financial impacts.

Conclusion

Council has enacted the Mandatory Face Covering By-law 0169-2020 and the City’s COVID-19 Related Measures for Restaurants and Drinking Establishments By-law 0194-2020 to help mitigate the spread of COVID-19 in the City of Mississauga. Enforcement staff have reported that the public has for the most part complied with these by-laws.

Based on the recommendations of Dr. Hau, the Associate Medical Officer of Health for the Region of Peel, staff are recommending that these by-laws be amended to extend the operation

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and enforcement of these by-laws to January 20, 2021, which is the first scheduled meeting of City Council of 2021.

Attachments

Appendix 1: Letter from Dr. Hau (on behalf of Dr. Loh), dated September 8, 2020.



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