

## Council Memorandum

<b>Date:</b>	September 7, 2021
<b>To:</b>	Committee of the Whole
<b>From:</b>	Mayor Letham
<b>Re:</b>	Vaccination Requirement for Attendance in Council Chambers

### Recommendation

**That** the Memorandum from Mayor Letham, **regarding Vaccination Requirement for Attendance in Council Chambers**, be received;

**That** Council immediately implement the following requirements for anyone attending Council Chambers:

- you must be fully vaccinated to attend a Council meeting in person
- if you are not fully vaccinated, either for medical reasons or personal choice, you must provide proof of a negative test result that is dated no earlier than 2 days before the meeting

**That** this recommendation be brought forward to Council for consideration at the next Regular Council Meeting.

### Rationale

It has become fairly obvious that the COVID-19 Pandemic will be with us for quite some time yet. Our businesses, restaurants, and theatres cannot endure another lockdown and the city's services are trying to get back to original levels and open to the public again. Every effort must be made to keep our residents and businesses safe and operating as normal as possible. Vaccination has shown to be the most obvious path forward responsibly. As a result of the impending fourth wave and increasing positive numbers from the new variants, Council should consider leading by example. An



obvious way to do this would be to limit personal attendance in Council Chambers unless fully vaccinated. This would be applied to Council, Staff, and Boards or Committee members wishing to attend in person at Council. Anyone wishing to attend meetings while exercising their right to not be vaccinated, is welcome to attend electronically by Zoom.