

September 7, 2021

Report To: Community Services Executive Committee

From: Aaron Bisson, Recreation and Culture Manager

RE: Proof of Vaccination

The Provincial Government has announced that it will be requiring some businesses to screen users/customers to ensure they are fully vaccinated before allowing use of those facilities beginning September 22, 2021.

Specifically listed in the announcement was Restaurants, meeting and event spaces, facilities used for sports and fitness activities and personal fitness training, such as gyms, fitness, and recreational facilities except for youth and recreational sport. The rules are in place for everyone who is eligible for a vaccine which is currently 12 years of age and older.

The Town will need to decide what it would like the policy on vaccine requirements to be.

- 1) The Town can choose to follow the minimum requirements as listed above and have different rules for different users of the facility. This will cause the staff to be put into difficult situations where they require certain people to be fully vaccinated while allowing others to enter without asking about vaccination status. The public could potentially be confused about whether they are required to be vaccinated to enter the facility, causing very difficult situations for our staff.
- 2) The Town can require all users/members/spectators/contractors of the facilities, 12 years of age or older to be fully vaccinated at least 14 days prior to accessing the facility. This option will allow the Memorial Sports Centre and Fort Frances Senior Centre to treat everyone walking through the door the same and allow messaging to be clear and concise about what is required to attend the Memorial Sports Centre or Fort Frances Senior Centre. Without a blanket policy that applies to everyone, we will be putting our staff and management in very difficult situations and that would be unfair and cause a great deal of stress and anxiety.

Recommendation

The Community Service Division recommends to Mayor & Council to choose the second option for our policy on vaccine proof requirements.

Respectfully Submitted,

Aaron Bisson

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Manager of Recreation and Culture

<p>Council approval of this report will agree to the recommendation of the Community Service Division to require all individuals eligible for a vaccine to be fully vaccinated for 14 days before being allowed entry into either facility.</p>
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