

October 4, 2021

Report To: Community Services Executive Committee

From: Aaron Bisson, Recreation and Culture Manager

RE: Proof of Vaccination grace period and medical exemption

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 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 has decided the policy on vaccine requirements would be as follows:

The Town will require all users/members/spectators/contractors of the facility, 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 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. 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.

A grace period of 60 days or other amount of time specifically outlined by the province, has been added to the vaccination requirements for youth aged 12 – 17 while participating in youth sport. A 60-day or other amount of time specifically outlined by the province, grace period for 12-year-old youth is in effect during the vaccination requirement. A medical exemption will be allowed with a valid medical note dated no earlier than September 22, 2021, with the conditions outlined by public health.

Recommendation

The Community Service Division recommends to Mayor & Council to approve the grace period and medical exemption for 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 approve the grace period and medical exemption for vaccine proof requirements.</p>
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