

Overview:

On August 1, 2020, Dr. Salvaterra, Medical Officer of Health for Peterborough Public Health invoked a directive under the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMPCA) which requires the use of face coverings in a wide variety of public settings. Staff have been made aware of the directive through staff meetings and emails. With more spaces opening up and schools returning in September there is the risk of a second wave of outbreaks of Covid-19. As we work towards re-opening municipal facilities to the public, a policy needs to provide guidelines for use and disposal of face coverings as well as direction on how to interact with the public using face coverings and those individuals whom may be exempt from wearing a mask under the public health directive. The policy attached cover all of those topics and provides resources to Council, staff and the public.

Conclusion: This new policy will allow staff, Council and the public to be educated on the use of face coverings as per the Public Health Directive and as a way to reduce the risk of spreading Covid-19 to others when physical distancing and keeping two metres apart from others might be challenging or not possible.

Recommendation:

That the C.A.O.-2020-42 report, dated September 1, 2020 regarding Mandatory Face Covering Policy be received and that the policy be adopted as Policy A-28.

Financial Impact: N/A

Strategic Plan Applicability: N/A

Sustainability Plan Applicability: N/A