

Recommendation:

That the C.A.O.-2023-08 report, dated February 21, 2023, requesting that the Mandatory Face Covering Policy A-28 be rescinded, be approved.

Overview:

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many municipalities, government offices and businesses implemented a Mandatory Face Covering Policy to protect individuals from spreading the virus when sufficient distancing wasn't possible. The Township of Douro-Dummer Council, at the recommendation of Dr. Salvaterra, Medical Officer of Health for Peterborough Public Health, implemented the attached policy in September 2020.

As restrictions have since lifted and the risk reduced, staff have relaxed the need for masks, although continue to use them when they feel unwell or have been exposed to the virus. At this time the mandatory face covering policy can be removed from the policies in force at the Township owned facilities.

Since 2020 staff have provided Council with a policy on policies which would eliminate the need for this type of policy to come back to Council but as it was approved by the motion below, it seemed appropriate for Council to have a similar motion to rescind the policy.

Mandatory Face Covering Policy, C.A.O.-2020-42

Resolution Number 2020-302

Moved by: Councillor Landsmann

Seconded by: Councillor Watson

That 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.

Carried

Conclusion:

The need for a mandatory face covering policy is no longer necessary although staff continue to use personal protective equipment like masks when appropriate.

Financial Impact:

There is no financial impact at this time.

Strategic Plan Applicability:

To develop and/or assist with the development and delivery of social and recreational programs as well as effectively maintaining and updating recreational facilities to promote healthy lifestyles and meet the broad range of community needs.