

**COVID-19 Face Coverings Update****Report Purpose**

To provide Council an update on face coverings as a COVID-19 transmission mitigation measure.

**Recommendation**

None.

**Our Prioritized Strategic Goals**

Goal 6 - Provide facilities and services that are available and accessible to residents

Goal 8 - Foster an environment for safe communities

Governance Requirement

**Report**

Strathcona County continues to follow the public health direction of Alberta Health during the COVID-19 pandemic. Although the Province of Alberta has not mandated the use of masks, they are strongly recommending the use of masks as a mitigation measure. Through administrative authority masks can be made a requirement for municipal buildings and vehicles.

In keeping with this provincial approach Strathcona County Transit started distributing non-medical masks to the public effective Monday, July 27, 2020 and are strongly encouraging residents to wear masks on public transit and in public spaces.

While the Province of Alberta would be in the best position to mandate the wearing of face coverings by the general public, under Council's direction, Strathcona County can enact bylaws with respect to the safety, health and welfare of people, and the protection of people and property, under the Municipal Government Act.

The health and safety of the community including staff remains a top priority in this rapidly changing and evolving situation. Strathcona County is encouraging community members to support and protect one another during this time as restrictions continue to be lifted and more facilities and services are opened to the public.

COVID-19 resources and relaunch strategy details for all Albertans can be found at [Alberta Health](#). Local level information for our residents, including information on Transit is available on the [COVID-19 site](#).

**Council and Committee History**

July 21, 2020	Council Meeting
June 16, 2020	Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting COVID-19
June 3, 2020	Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting COVID-19
May 5, 2020	Council Meeting
April 8, 2020	Special Council Meeting COVID-19
April 2, 2020	Emergency Advisory Committee Meeting COVID-19
March 26, 2020	Special Council Meeting COVID-19
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March 20, 2020	Special Council Meeting COVID-19
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March 18, 2020	Special Council Meeting COVID-19
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March 13, 2020	Special Council Meeting COVID-19

**Other Impacts****Policy:** N/A**Legislative/Legal:** N/A**Interdepartmental:** Organization wide approach involving all departments of Strathcona County coordinated by SCEMA**Master Plan/Framework:** N/A**Communication Plan**

Internal and external information will continue to be communicated regularly to ensure the community is informed of organizational efforts.

**Enclosure**

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