

Strathcona County Library Board – Bylaw 1-2021**Report Purpose**

To seek Council's endorsement of Strathcona County Library Board Bylaw 1-2021.

Recommendation

THAT the Strathcona County Library Board Bylaw 1-2021, as set out in enclosure 1 of the April 27, 2021 Legislative and Legal Services report, be endorsed.

Our Prioritized Strategic Goals

Governance Requirement

Report

At its March 15, 2021 meeting, the Library Board approved a new bylaw to replace their existing bylaw. The new bylaw, 1-2021, included a provision related to the requirement of wearing face coverings/masks in public spaces. The Library Board felt that this bylaw change would help ensure the safety of staff and library patrons since it would allow them to point to the provision of the bylaw when addressing this matter with the public. The Library Board also believes that the use of face coverings (masks) in public spaces will be a long-term mandatory public health measure and as such the bylaw change was prudent.

The Library Act directs a Library Board to provide their bylaws to the municipal Council that is responsible for appointing the Board. In accordance with the Library Act, Council is being asked to endorse this bylaw.

Other Impacts

Policy: n/a

Legislative/Legal: The Library Act section 36(1) provides that "A board may pass bylaws for the safety and use of the library, including (a) the terms and conditions under which (i) the public may be admitted to the building, (ii) public library property may be used or borrowed by members of the public, and (iii) borrowing privileges may be suspended or forfeited". Further, section 37(1) provides that "A municipal library board, on passing a bylaw under section 36, shall forthwith forward a copy of the bylaw to the council of the municipality." Section 38 provides that "the council of a municipality may disallow a bylaw passed by a municipal board it has appointed."

Interdepartmental: n/a

Master Plan/Framework: n/a

Enclosure(s)

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| 1 | Strathcona County Library Board Bylaw 1-2021 |
| 2 | Excerpt from Library Board Minutes – March 15, 2021 |