

STAFF REPORT

THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWN OF COBOURG



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Subject/Title: Memorandum of Understanding with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit for the use of the Cobourg Community Centre (CCC) for the Purposes of an Emergency Mass Health Protection Clinic.

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT Council receive this report from the Municipal Clerk/Manager of Legislative Services for information purposes; and

FURTHER THAT Council receive the Memorandum of Understanding attached as Appendix "A" to this Staff Report, for the use of the Cobourg Community Centre for the purposes of Emergency Mass Health Protection Clinic approved by Council on May 22, 2018; and

FURTHER THAT the Town of Cobourg receive the notification from the Medical Officer of Health of the HKPRDHU, duly authorized by the Board of Health for the required use of the Cobourg Community Centre, for an Emergency Mass Health Protection Clinic Starting on the 15th day of March 2021.

1. STRATEGIC PLAN

Not Applicable.

2. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

Not Applicable

3. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Staff Report is to provide Council and the residents of Cobourg with information of the current Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit with regards to their plans to operate a COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic at the Town of Cobourg's Community Centre. The goal of the document is to partner with the Health Unit to allow for them to operate a scalable MHPC, to provide public health protection services to a large population in a timely, safe, and efficient manner.

4. ORIGIN AND LEGISLATION

Under the Health Protection and Promotion Act (HPPA), Public Health Units have a responsibility to identify, prevent, reduce, or eliminate health hazards and communicable diseases. A Mass Health Protection Clinics Plan is a key strategy to respond to public health emergencies involving widespread vaccine/antiviral preventable community outbreaks or pandemics when mass immunization/antiviral distribution is needed.

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit's (HKPRDHU or Health Unit) COVID-19 Mass Health Protection Clinic Plan (MHPCP) takes a comprehensive approach to address:

1. activation process
2. clinic operations
3. clinic termination
4. evaluation and
5. plan maintenance.

This ensures the effective implementation of a Mass Health Protection Clinic campaign from commencement to completion, which includes the effective coordination of all Health Unit staff.

5. BACKGROUND

On May 15, 2018, Council received a report from the Town's Emergency Planner regarding the request from the Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit (HKPRDHU) to enter into an Memorandum of Understanding for the use of the Cobourg Community Centre for the intended purpose of using the Cobourg Community Centre (CCC) as an Emergency Mass Health Protection Clinic in the event of a public health emergency. HKPRDHU approached the Town at this time to help facilitate this MOU for use of the CCC. At the same time the Health Unit set up a similar MOU with Brighton, to service that community.

At the following Regular Council meeting, Council approved the recommendation from Staff to authorize the Mayor and Clerk to sign the MOU, aiding Cobourg in our Emergency Plan and retaining compliance with the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act (EMCPA) having such a plan in place in case of a Public Health Emergency and recognizing HKPRDHU is responsible under the Health and

Protection Act (HPPA) to control such an Emergency Mass Health Protection Clinic.

6. ANALYSIS

The provincial government is leading the distribution of COVID-19 vaccines in Ontario through a three-phased distribution implementation plan. In the HKPRDHU, the COVID-19 Vaccine Steering Table is planning and implementing COVID-19 vaccine distribution and administration for residents according to the provincial plan, vaccine availability, and the provincial ethical framework.

Currently, the HKPRDH is in Phase 1 of the provincial plan. The COVID-19 vaccination plan for the broader population of residents will be available as more information is received, from the province. When this occurs, the Health Unit will communicate details of the plan through our usual channels and by providing public information to local media outlets to help inform our community.

Through our partnership with HKPRDHU, area residents will have access to community-based COVID-19 vaccination clinics in those clinics as established by the Health Unit, and as part of this report, the Health Unit is activating the Cobourg Community Centre as a vaccination clinic for the District. Additional information on when these clinics will be open will be provided as more details become available. Implementation dates for clinic openings will vary; population groups will be notified when they may register for clinics as part of the HKPRDU Medical Officer of Health Direction.

As attached to this report is the Memorandum of Understanding as reviewed and agreed upon by the Town of Cobourg and the Health Unit. There may be a time where minor revisions may be made but changes would be operational and agreed upon with staff operating the clinic with the direction of the HKPRDHU who are in control of the Vaccination Clinic.

7. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS/BUDGET IMPACTS

There are no direct financial implications at this time. Municipal Staff will monitor and keep track of any expenses that may be incurred by the Municipality during the occupation of the Cobourg Community Centre during the length of the COVID-19 Vaccination Clinic.

8. CONCLUSION

The Town of Cobourg has received notification from the Medical Officer of Health of the HKPRDHU, duly authorized by the Board of Health for the required use of the Cobourg Community Centre, for an Emergency Mass Health Protection Clinic Starting on the 15th day of March 2021.