



June 24, 2020

*SENT ELECTRONICALLY*

Dr. Miriam Klassen  
Medical Officer of Health  
Huron Perth Public Health  
653 West Gore Street  
Stratford ON N5A 1L4

**RE: Town of St. Marys Council Request to Consider an Order Requiring Masks**

Dear Dr. Klassen,

During their meeting on June 23, 2020, Council for the Town of St. Marys discussed the recent Section 22 Order issued by the Medical Officer of Health for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health effective June 12, 2020.

St. Marys Council appreciates your position of strongly recommending that residents use a face covering when it is not possible to keep two-metres' distance from individuals outside of personal social circles. However, Council is requesting that you reconsider the position outlined in your June 17, 2020 press release where you indicate that "that the current evidence on the use of masks does not allow us to meet the criteria to issue an order mandating people to wear masks in Huron Perth".

By way of this letter, Town Council wishes to communicate their support for an Order that would require residents to wear masks where physical distancing cannot be guaranteed, and that would require patrons of commercial establishments to wear masks. Town Council is requesting that you consider issuing a Section 22 Order similar to the Order issued by the Medical Officer of Health for Wellington-Dufferin-Guelph Public Health. The resolution below was passed by Council on June 23, 2020 to formalize their request:

**2020-06-23-23**

**MOVED BY: Councillor Luna**

**SECONDED BY: Councillor Winter**

**THAT** Council send correspondence to Dr. Miriam Klassen, Huron Perth Public Health Medical Officer of Health, requesting that an Order be issued under Section 22 of the Health Protection and Promotion Act requiring residents to wear masks in public settings when physical distancing of 2 metres cannot be guaranteed, including in commercial establishments; and

**THAT** staff research and report back to Council on July 28, 2020 regarding the option of passing a by-law or municipal order to mandate the use of face masks in public settings in the Town of St. Marys when physical distancing of 2 metres cannot be achieved, including in commercial establishments.

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This matter will be considered by Council again at their meeting planned for July 28, 2020. If your schedule permits, Council would appreciate a reply to this letter by July 20, 2020 so that it can be included in Council's meeting agenda.

If you have any questions, or need any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. More importantly, thank you for all of your efforts during these exceptional times.

Best regards,

Brent Kittmer, P.Eng., MPA  
CAO/Clerk

CC: All Huron and Perth Municipalities

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