

MOTION



North Bay, ON

April 6, 2021

Subject: COVID 19 Vaccinations

File No.

Res. 2021-

Moved by Councillor: Tanya Vrebosch

Seconded by Councillor: Bill Vrebosch

Whereas The Corporation of the City of North Bay is within the District of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit);

And Whereas the Health Unit received its first allocation of vaccine more than a month and a half later than Southern Ontario and Ottawa health regions;

And Whereas vaccine allocation for the Health Unit has not increased over time to compensate for the delay in provision of the first vaccine allocation;

And Whereas COVID-19 transmission rates in Northern Ontario, as evidenced by the effective reproduction numbers $R_{(t)}$, are among the highest in the province;

And Whereas due to the vaccine allocation, the Health Unit is still in phase 1 of the rollout while public health unit regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa are in phase 2;

And Whereas 26.5% of the population in the Parry Sound District and 22.4% of the population in the Nipissing District are aged 65 years or older, compared to 16.7% for all of Ontario (2016 Census);

And Whereas the delay in the Health Unit vaccine allocations is causing increasing inequities in the booking of COVID-19 vaccination clinics; and

And Whereas due to the vaccine allocation, Indigenous populations have not received their required allocation.

Now Therefore Be It Resolved that The Corporation of the City of North Bay request that the vaccine allocation be prioritized to public health unit regions that are still in phase 1 to enable them to catch up to those regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa.

And Further that this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Christine Elliot, Minister of Health, Vic Fedeli, MPP – Nipissing, Norm Miller, MPP – Parry Sound-Muskoka, John Vanthof, MPP – Timiskaming-Cochrane, Mayors/Reeves within the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit District, Ontario Boards of Health, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (ALPHA).

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Conflict_____

Endorsement of Chair_____

Yeas _____

Nays _____

Record of Vote (*Upon Request of Councillor* _____)

Signature of Clerk_____