

By-Law Number 20-034

of

The Regional Municipality of Waterloo

A By-law to Amend By-law 13-050, A By-Law Respecting the Conduct of Persons Entering Upon Buildings, Grounds and Public Transportation Vehicles Owned or Occupied by The Regional Municipality of Waterloo, to Require the Wearing of Face Coverings in Enclosed Public Places of Regional Buildings and on Public Transit

Whereas the Province of Ontario and The Regional Municipality of Waterloo of Waterloo have declared emergencies as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic pursuant to the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. E.9, as amended;

And Whereas the Council of The Regional Municipality of Waterloo wishes to implement a requirement for persons to wear a face covering while within Regional public transportation vehicles, bus shelters and platforms at transit stations and in enclosed public places of Regional buildings that are open to the public to assist in reducing the spread of COVID-19 within The Regional Municipality of Waterloo;

The Council of The Regional Municipality of Waterloo enacts as follows:

1. By-law 13-050, A By-Law Respecting the Conduct of Person Entering Upon Buildings, Grounds and Public Transportation Vehicles Owned or Occupied by The Regional Municipality of Waterloo, as amended (the "By-law"), is amended to add the following section 10.1:

"10.1 For greater certainty, this By-law shall not apply to a person who is acting in his or her capacity as an employee or agent of the Region."

2. Section 1 of Schedule "B" of the By-law is amended to add the following subsection (1.1):

(1.1) "face covering" shall mean a medical mask or non-medical mask or other face covering, including a bandana, scarf or other fabric that covers the nose, mouth and chin to create a barrier to limit the transmission of respiratory droplets;

3. Section 2 of Schedule "B" of the By-law is amended to add the following subsection (2.1):

"(2.1) Being within a public transportation vehicle, bus shelter or platform at a transit station without wearing a face covering unless the person is under the age of five years old, the person has a medical condition or disability that prevents the wearing of a face covering or would inhibit the person's ability to breathe, or the person is assisting or accommodating another person with a hearing disability. No person shall be required to provide proof of any of the exemptions set out herein."

4. Section 2 of Schedule "B" of the By-law is amended to add the following subsection (2.2):

"(2.2) Being in an area open to the general public within a Region building without wearing a face covering unless the person is under the age of five years old, the person has a medical condition or disability that prevents

the wearing of a face covering or would inhibit the person's ability to breathe, the person is assisting or accommodating another person with a hearing disability, or a face covering is not permitted pursuant to any provincial or federal legislation, directive or order. No person shall be required to provide proof of any of the exemptions set out herein."

5. This By-law shall come into force and effect on July 13, 2020.
6. This By-law shall be deemed repealed and no longer in force and effect at 11:59 p.m. on September 30, 2020 unless extended by Council.

By-law read a first, second and third time and finally passed in the Council Chamber in the Regional Municipality of Waterloo this 6th day of July, A.D., 2020.



Regional Clerk



Regional Chair