



Special City Council - Agenda

Date: February 11, 2022
Time: 1:30 p.m. - 5:00 p.m.
Location: Council Chamber, 2nd floor, City Hall

Call to Order: 1:30 p.m.
Recess: 3:30 p.m. - 3:45 p.m.
Adjournment: 5 p.m.

Deputy Mayor: A. Salvador
Acting Mayor: E. Rutherford

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Pages

1. **Call to Order and Related Business**
 - 1.1. Call to Order and Land Acknowledgement
 - 1.2. Roll Call
 - 1.3. Adoption of Agenda
 - 1.4. Protocol Items
2. **Items for Discussion and Related Business**
 - 2.1. Select Items for Debate
 - 2.2. Requests to Speak
Refer to Summary of Agenda Changes
 - 2.3. Requests for Specific Time on Agenda
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 - 2.4. Vote on Bylaws not Selected for Debate
3. **Public Reports**

3.1. COVID-19 Update - Verbal report

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4. **Bylaws**
None

5. **Motions Pending**
None

6. **Private Reports**
None

7. **Adjournment**

Item 3.1 (Report OCM01086) - COVID-19 Update - Verbal Report

COVID-19 Update - Verbal Report

Andre Corbould, City Manager

February 11, 2022

Rationale

Recommendations developed by Administration:

- Reviewed the intent and outcomes of REP and other public health measures
- Targeted engagement with partner organizations
- A GBA+ lens was applied
- Evaluated legal implications and risks
- Evaluated resources required to implement and support
- Consulted with colleagues in Calgary and our regional partners

Recommendation - REP Equivalent

Administration does not recommend implementing a restriction exemption equivalent bylaw in its own facilities or for private businesses in Edmonton.

- Justification:
 - **Proof of vaccination does not equate to an absence of COVID-19**
 - Measures difficult to define and quantify
 - Lacks complementary public health measures previously in place
 - Not supported by the business community or regional partners
 - Resource intensive with significant challenges on enforcement
- Additional Considerations:
 - Perception of safety influencing consumer confidence
 - Privacy impacts with collecting requested information
 - Private business have the ability to create their own rules
 - Costs: Up to \$520K per month for CRF REP Facilities and marketing /promotion; and significant costs to initiate technology

Recommendation - Active Symptom Screening

Administration does not recommend implementing a Bylaw requiring businesses within the City to participate in an active COVID-19 symptom screening program

- Implications if a bylaw was implemented:
 - Inconsistency with regional partners
 - Time required for notification and adoption by businesses
 - Added cost and administration for businesses
 - Limited ability for bylaw officers to enforce
- Any business can actively or passively screen attendees for symptoms (using the Alberta Health daily checklist) without a bylaw

Implementation of REP and/or Active Symptom Screening

Implementation would essentially look like this:

- REP or active symptom screening at applicable businesses
- REP in City facilities
- Enforcement through front line staff and a complaints based system

Temporary Mandatory Face Covering Bylaw

- For the time being we recommend the City's face covering bylaw remain in place with no changes.
- This will create some inconsistency with Provincial regulations, starting February 14 for those who are 12 and under

Questions?