

# Temporary Face Mask Bylaws

## Item 7.11 & 7.12

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# Agenda

- Health Data & Community Insights
- Operational Update
- Jurisdictional Scan - Canadian Cities
- Government of Alberta
  - Step 3 & Bill 4
- Bylaws for consideration
  - 20072 - For submission to GOA
  - 20071 - Transit & City Facilities
- Decision Points

# Health Data and Community Insights

- Health Data & Waste Water - downward trend continues
- Survey data
- Stakeholders
- Post Secondary Institutions

# Operational Update

- Bylaw repealed
- Anecdotal mask wearing
- City Employees continue to mask
- Employers' choice

# Jurisdictional Scan - Canadian Cities

## Mask review

- Canadian municipalities have aligned with Provincial mandates
- Notable Transit Decisions:
  - Vancouver Region: Translink keeping masks only for their DATS equivalent
  - Calgary, Saskatoon, Winnipeg, Toronto: Councils' aligned to provincial government

# Government of Alberta

- No date announced for Step 3
  - Removal of masks on transit & high risk settings
  - Isolation no longer required
- Bill 4
  - First reading - March 8

# Temporary Mandatory Face Coverings Bylaws for consideration

## **Bylaw 20072**

- Mirrors previous Face Coverings Bylaw
- For submission to the Province

## **Bylaw 20071**

- Requires face masks on Transit and in City owned and operated facilities

# Bylaw 20072 - For Submission to GOA

- Similar bylaw for submission to the Province
  - Passing of the Bylaw and waiting time for review is unknown
  - Not expected to be approved by Government of Alberta
  - Bill 4 does not mandate that medical data or perspective will be shared -- May not accomplish what is expected (medical data)



# Bylaw 20071

Option A) Transit Facilities & Vehicles

Option B) City Owned & Operated Facilities

Option C) A+B Both Transit and City Facilities

Option D) Align with the Province

# Bylaw 20071

## Option A) Transit Facilities & Vehicles

Transit facilities and vehicles (bus, LRT, DATS):

- Would not include vehicles for hire
- Masks would continue on transit even though they are no longer required provincially
- Supported by stakeholder engagement with riders and Transit Committee
- Would provide enforcement ability

# Option 2: Bylaw 20071

## B) City Owned & Operated Facilities

- Public spaces that the City owns and operates:
  - Includes recreation facilities, some attractions, City Hall, ECO stations, park washrooms and pavilions
  - Anomalies: Spaces that the City leases - City Services Centre in Edmonton Tower, the ReUse Centre (operational control)
- Applying Bylaw 20071 to Rec Centres and attractions may create inconsistency:
  - Between private and city operated public facilities
  - Food & Services providers in our facilities

# Decision Points

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- **Bylaw 20071 - City Owned and Operated Facilities**
  - Transit Facilities & Vehicles
  - City Owned & Operated Facilities

**Questions?**

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