

Pilon, Janet

Subject: Chair Members of the General Issues Committee

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Dear Committee,

I'm writing the committee from the opinion of a movie theatre owner in Hamilton - The Playhouse Cinema - regarding a Mandatory Mask Bylaw in the City of Hamilton.

While we strongly encourage a mask policy, it must be clear to what areas of an indoor business this policy affects.

Like restaurants and bars, our patrons come to our business expecting to consume food and beverage.

My suggestion would be to create a mandatory mask policy that allows for temporary removal when consuming food & beverage.

If restaurants are allowed to open with in-door occupation in Stage 3 (albeit physically distant), and patrons are allowed to temporarily remove a face covering to consume food and beverage, then I would expect that a cinema should receive the same exception. Patrons should be allowed to consume food and beverage while seated in the auditorium.

Thank you for taking the time to consider my concerns regarding a mask bylaw in The City of Hamilton.

If you have any questions about my letter, please do not hesitate to call or email me.

Jacob Tutt