Proposed Resolution to be presented to Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting, October 1, 2021

Mandatory COVID vaccinations at Macassa and Wentworth Lodges

Whereas all the residents who live at Macassa and Wentworth Lodges are seniors who have compromised health problems;

Whereas seniors who have compromised health problems are the most vulnerable population to acquire COVID and are the most likely to die from it;

Whereas those who have been vaccinated against COVID are very unlikely to acquire COVID nor to pass on the virus to others;

Whereas the Health Protection and Promotion Act mandates that the Chief Medical Officer of Health of Ontario to direct that all covered organizations must establish, implement and ensure compliance with a COVID-19 vaccination policy that requires its employees, staff, contractors, volunteers and students to provide a proof of full vaccination or a written medical reason for exemption;

Whereas not all the staff at Macassa and Wentworth Lodges have been vaccinated against COVID and yet continue to work there;

Whereas several deaths from COVID have been reported amongst the residents of the Lodges;

Whereas the Seniors Advisory Committee's mandate is be a credible communication vehicle regarding the quality of life for all seniors in the City;

The Seniors Advisory Committee urges the City to immediately impose an immediate requirement for all staff to be vaccinated and to forbid anyone from entering the buildings who has not been vaccinated;

And furthermore, because the situation is dire and potentially life-threatening for all residents, that Councillors Tom Jackson and Nirinder Nann be informed of this resolution immediately and communicate it to the Mayor and all other Councillors.

Proposed by Jeanne Mayo Seconded by David Broom