



CITIZEN COMMITTEE REPORT

To:	Emergency & Community Services Committee
From:	Senior Advisory Committee <div style="text-align: right;">_____ (Penelope Petrie, Chair)</div>
Date:	TBD
Re:	Proposed resolution regarding Macassa and Wentworth Lodges

Recommendation:

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

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

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;

Background:

The COVID-19 pandemic has disproportionately affected the senior population, especially those in long-term care homes. The Senior Advisory committee created a statement for resolution with recommendations for council to improve their involvement.

At the October 1, 2021 Senior Advisory Committee meeting, Item 10 (Discussion Items), which refers to the resolution concerning mandatory vaccinations at Macassa and Wentworth Lodges, was carried unanimously. The committee is submitting this Citizen Committee Report for consideration to council.

Analysis/Rationale:

The Senior Advisory Committee does not believe that enough action has been taken in response to the COVID-19 outbreaks at Macassa and Wentworth Lodges.

Therefore, the Senior Advisory Committee urges the City of Hamilton to intervene by enforcing the recommendations listed above.