

Community Services Report to
Combined Meeting of Council
2020 July 27

ISC: UNRESTRICTED
C2020-0883

Amendments to the Face Covering Bylaw 26M2020

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report introduces a proposed name change to the Face Coverings Bylaw 26M2020 to enhance understanding and clarity. It also includes a clerical change to the signage in Schedule A of the bylaw.

ADMINISTRATION RECOMMENDATION:

That Council give three readings to bylaw 28M2020 to amend Face Coverings Bylaw 26M2020 contained in Attachment 1.

PREVIOUS COUNCIL DIRECTION / POLICY

On 2020 July 21, through report C2020-0845 Mandatory Face Coverings, Council directed Administration to return to the Combined Council Meeting on 2020 July 27 with amendments to Bylaw 26M2020.

BACKGROUND

The COVID-19 pandemic remains a health risk. With businesses reopening, more social interactions and the number of cases increasing, additional measures were required to better mitigate a potential resurgence. On 2020 July 21, Council gave three readings to the Face Coverings Bylaw 26M2020 requiring the wearing of face coverings in all public indoor spaces and public vehicles. This bylaw comes into force on 2020 August 01.

INVESTIGATION: ALTERNATIVES AND ANALYSIS

Administration is recommending two amendments to the mandatory Face Coverings Bylaw in order to enhance understanding and clarity.

1. A title change from *Face Coverings Bylaw* to *Temporary COVID-19 Face Coverings Bylaw* is being proposed to clarify that the bylaw is intended to be a temporary response to the increased COVID-19 transmission rate, and
2. A revised sign, located in Schedule A of the bylaw, is being proposed with clerical edits to improve clarity.

Stakeholder Engagement, Research and Communication

The recommendations were formed through engagement with Council and consultation with Law.

Strategic Alignment

This report aligns with One Calgary 2019-2022 Citizen Priority of a Well-Run City: Calgary has a modern and efficient municipal government that is focused on resilience and continuous improvement to make life better every day for Calgarians by learning from citizens, partners, and others.

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Social, Environmental, Economic (External)

The revisions to the bylaw will result in greater clarity for citizens, businesses, and other stakeholder groups in understanding the intent and application of the bylaw.

Financial Capacity

Current and Future Operating Budget:

There are no current or future operating budget impacts associated with this report.

Current and Future Capital Budget:

There are no current or future capital budget impacts associated with this report.

Risk Assessment

It is important that the bylaw be written and communicated clearly to ensure successful implementation. A lack of clarity may result in confusion in the intent of the bylaw and reduce public trust. These amendments will help to communicate the intent of the bylaw and ensure that it is easier to understand.

REASON(S) FOR RECOMMENDATION(S):

Amending Bylaw 28M2020 is proposed to enhance transparency. The name change more appropriately conveys that the bylaw is not intended to be permanent but a temporary measure to address the rate of COVID-19 transmission in Calgary.

ATTACHMENT(S)

1. Bylaw Number 28M2020