



Public Submission

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Please use your position as leaders in the community to protect vulnerable children by requiring masks in all essential indoor spaces that we cannot avoid, such as public buildings, doctors clinics, shops, malls, etc. Thank you.





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First name (required) ALYSSA

Last name (required) STEVENSON

What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment

Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Mask bylaw

Date of meeting Jul 5, 2021

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City councilors, I urge you to please consider keeping the mask bylaw in place until the month of August. The Delta variant is alive and well in our city and is highly contagious. We have fewer than 70% of those eligible fully vaccinated and even with full vaccination, the Delta variant can still make people very sick.

I am expecting a child soon and I know so many who are vulnerable to this disease. Holding off on removing masks indoors will allow the vaccine a chance to get ahead of this variant. Any other choice is reckless.



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First name (required) Candace
Last name (required) Hein
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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Mask Bylaw Changes
Date of meeting Jul 5, 2021

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I request council to continue the mask bylaw until July 31, 2021. These masks have been in place as a form of protection and with the Alberta Government opening indoor gatherings from zero to unlimited in 1 day, people will gather. We have what has been labelled a super spreader event over the past 16 months, the calgary stampede, bringing people from around the country and potentially world who have been exempted from quarantines and such. This brings a much higher risk to everyone in the city. With the delta variant still of concern I feel that until we know that the stampede is not going to cause a 4th wave we would be much safer to keep masks mandatory for the remainder of the month. As a high risk person and a carer for a medically fragile individual, it is in the best interests of protecting everyone by keeping masks just a little longer. Thank you for your consideration.



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Last name (required) Kotwal

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Mask mandate

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As the parent of a child who is too young to be vaccinated and also too young to wear a mask, I would prefer that the mask mandate stay in force at least until the end of the month. I feel that this gives us a chance to see how case rates change as the result of the Delta variant, reduced restrictions, and large events like Stampede. Masks have a very low societal cost compared to other restrictions, but make public spaces more accessible to vulnerable people like children. Countries like Israel are now seeing the cost of ending mask mandates too soon.



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First name (required)	Mark
Last name (required)	Robinson-Horejsi
What do you want to do? (required)	Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters)	Masking bylaw
Date of meeting	Jul 5, 2021
Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters)	Please keep the masking bylaw in effect. My children are not vaccinated and I would prefer an abundance of caution over just hoping that things will be fine.



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First name (required) Catherine

Last name (required) Lowe

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Mask bylaw

Date of meeting Jul 5, 2021

Comments - please refrain from providing personal information in this field (maximum 2500 characters) Please vote to keep the mask bylaw. We know covid is airborne and a proportion of our population is vulnerable and unable to be vaccinated. Masks are such a simple non invasive method of protecting our citizens, and children under 12 deserve to be spared of potential life long disability. This has zero impact on businesses, and it is senseless to put children at risk for the sake of fabric. Please listen to healthcare professionals.



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First name (required) Shailynn
Last name (required) Zaeti
What do you want to do? (required) Submit a comment
Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) July 5 mask bylaw
Date of meeting Jul 5, 2021

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I think we should keep masking in indoor spaces. If the premier is so perturbed about it, we can vote on it weekly until the end of July. We've done 18 months of masking and half-arsing provincial/federal restrictions. We'll have an influx of more than likely unvaccinated or only 1 shot Stampede workers and patrons. Be responsible because if left to their own devices, a large portion of the population doesn't put others safety first. We still don't have kids under 12 even eligible for their first shot. They're people too! Keep the bylaw in place until we have 1+ week of NO new cases.



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First name (required) Taryn

Last name (required) Carpenter

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Mask bylaw

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I would like to encourage council to extend the mask bylaw until children have the opportunity to be vaccinated against covid-19. There are still high percentages of our population that are unable to be vaccinated yet due to them being under the age of twelve or due to various medical conditions. It seems a small price to pay to require a mask that would help cut down any additional spread within these vulnerable populations. Especially since people have gotten used to wearing them over the last year. I know the argument is that covid doesn't seem to affect kids as harshly as others but the truth of the matter is we don't know what the long term consequences might be and it is better to keep our children from catching covid than to just shrug it off as they will probably be fine. I understand extending it until kids can be vaccinated might be a tough sell (although the best possible scenario) so I urge council at the very least to extend it to the end of July to help cut down on spread during Stampede. Stampede has the potential to be place of higher covid spread among groups of the population that have lower vaccination rates or who may not be as mindful of safe covid practices. A legal mandate may help encourage a higher adherence to the rules which would hopefully limit spread within attendees of the Stampede and the greater community.

Thank you for your time.
A concerned mother and teacher.

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First name (required) Wendy

Last name (required) Harinck

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Public hearing item (required - max 75 characters) Mandatory masking in public places

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Please follow the recommended Alberta guidelines with regards to masking. This would mean that masking is no longer required in most instances. Throughout this entire pandemic, we have been following the advice of Dr. Deena Henshaw. There have always been experts on both sides of the debate that would say she has gone too far or that she has not gone far enough. At this point, when restrictions are being lifted, one cannot now, question her expertise. People can always wear a mask if they are feeling uncomfortable. However, it is now time to give the choice back to the people. As citizens we have been vaccinated and have done all we can to protect ourselves. I went to Cochrane for lunch the other day and the freedom of not masking was wonderful. I could understand the waitress, she, herself, had more energy. We could see the smiles on everyone's faces. If masks are made mandatory then, I believe, Calgarians who do not wish to wear a mask will flock to neighbouring towns to support the small town's businesses, hurting Calgarian businesses. Those that wish to, can always wear a mask, but please follow the advice of Dr. Deena Henshaw and make mandatory masks a thing of the past.