



COUNCIL INFORMATION PACKAGE

SUMMARY

SEPTEMBER 17, 2021

1. **C-285-2021**
Correspondence dated September 16, 2021, from the City of Port Colborne respecting a resolution regarding recognition of September 30th as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.
2. **C-286-2021**
Correspondence dated September 17, 2021, from the Ministry of Municipal Affairs and Housing respecting Ontario proof of vaccination guidance for businesses and organizations.



PORT COLBORNE

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September 16, 2021

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Sent via E-mail: amo@amo.on.ca

Dear Sir or Madam:

Re: Resolution – Municipal Recognition of September 30th as National Day for Truth and Reconciliation

Please be advised that, at its meeting of September 13, 2021, the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne resolved as follows:

WHEREAS the Truth and Reconciliation Commission released its final report on June 2, 2015, which included 94 Calls to Action to redress the legacy of residential schools and advance the process of Canadian reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS the recent discoveries of remains and unmarked graves across Canada have led to increased calls for all levels of government to address the recommendations in the TRC's Calls to Action;

AND WHEREAS all Canadians and all orders of government have a role to play in reconciliation;

AND WHEREAS Recommendation #80 of the Truth and Reconciliation Commission called upon the federal government, in collaboration with Aboriginal peoples, to establish, as a statutory holiday, a National Day for Truth and Reconciliation to ensure that public commemoration of the history and legacy of residential schools remains a vital component of the reconciliation process;

AND WHEREAS the Federal Government has announced September 30th, 2021, as the first National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) and a statutory holiday;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of The Corporation of the City of Port Colborne does hereby commit to recognizing September 30th, 2021, as the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation (National Orange Shirt Day) by sharing the stories of residential school survivors, their families, and communities; and

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THAT the flags throughout the City of Port Colborne remain at half staff until after September 30, 2021.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amber LaPointe". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amber LaPointe
City Clerk

cc: Niagara Region Municipalities



September 17, 2021

MEMORANDUM TO: Municipal Chief Administrative Officers and Clerks

SUBJECT: Ontario Proof of Vaccination Guidance for Businesses and Organizations

As the province continues to respond to the fourth wave of the pandemic driven by the highly transmissible Delta variant, the government is further protecting Ontarians through continued actions that encourage every eligible person to get vaccinated and help stop the spread of COVID-19.

On September 14, 2021 the government released [the regulations](#) under the *Reopening Ontario (A Flexible Response to COVID-19) Act* (ROA) and [guidance for businesses and organizations](#) to support them in implementing proof of vaccination requirements, which take effect on September 22, 2021. Requiring proof of vaccination will help increase vaccination rates, protect individuals in higher-risk indoor settings, and keep businesses open.

This requirement focuses on higher-risk indoor (unless otherwise stated) public settings:

- Indoor areas of restaurants, bars, and other food and drink establishments without dance facilities
- Indoor and outdoor areas of food or drink establishments with dance facilities, including nightclubs and restaurants, clubs and other similar establishments
- Indoor areas of meeting and event spaces
- Indoor areas of facilities used for sports and recreational fitness activities, including waterparks, and personal physical fitness training with limited exemptions
 - Includes gyms, fitness/sporting/recreational facilities, pools, leagues, sporting events, waterparks, and indoor areas of facilities where spectators watch events
- Indoor areas of casinos, bingo halls, and other gaming establishments
- Indoor areas of concert venues, theatres, and cinemas
- Indoor areas of bathhouses, sex clubs and strip clubs
- Indoor areas of horse racing tracks, car racing tracks and other similar venues
- Indoor areas where commercial film and TV productions take place with studio audiences

In addition to the guidance, there is a [questions and answers document](#) to help clarify the requirements for businesses and organizations.

Businesses can contact Stop the Spread information line at 1-888-444-3659 if they have any questions about the guidance.

Compliance and Enforcement

Businesses and organizations are responsible for ensuring they meet the requirements regarding proof of vaccination outlined in the ROA, [O. Reg. 364/20](#) (Step 3).

Patrons are required to ensure that any information provided to the business or organization to demonstrate proof of vaccination or proof of identification is complete and accurate.

Failure of a business or organization or a patron to comply with the requirements in [O. Reg. 364/20](#) is an offence under the [Reopening Ontario \(A Flexible Response to COVID-19\) Act, 2020](#).

As a reminder, for offences under the ROA, police and other provincial offences officers, including First Nation Constables, special constables, and municipal by-law officers, have discretion to either issue tickets to individuals for set fine amounts or issue a summons under Part I of the Provincial Offences Act (POA) or to proceed under Part III of the POA by laying an information.

The 1-800 Enforcement Support Line (1-866-389-7638) and dedicated enforcement email address (EssentialWorkplacesSupport.SolGen@ontario.ca) are intended to provide guidance to policing personnel and other enforcement personnel in relation to the enforcement of provincial orders.

I strongly encourage our municipal partners to work closely with provincial enforcement officers and public health officers to coordinate compliance activities in your communities. To identify opportunities for and to plan coordinated compliance activities in your community, please email Stephen Wilson at: Stephen.J.Wilson@ontario.ca.

Thank you for your support and for joining our shared commitment to work together to protect the health and well-being of Ontarians.

Sincerely,



Kate Manson-Smith
Deputy Minister