



ACTION REQUEST – Recreation and Culture

To:	Mayor and Members of Council
Date of Meeting:	February 23, 2021
Subject:	Eastern Ontario Health Unit COVID-19 Efforts

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT the Council of the Township of North Dundas authorize & approve that the Eastern Ontario Health Unit be granted use of municipal facilities & lands, free of charge, for all COVID-19 related vaccination clinics and relief efforts, that take place between February 24th & June 9th, 2021. Council confirms their acknowledgement that the outcome of this in-kind support will ultimately benefit residents of the Township of North Dundas.

BACKGROUND:

On February 9th, an email was circulated by the Eastern Ontario Health Unit (EOHU), on behalf of Dr. Paul, Chief Medical Officer of Health. The attached letter was directed to municipalities and solicits municipal support for COVID-19 vaccine clinics, by way of identifying municipal buildings and other community locations that would be conducive for their vaccine clinics; as well as facilities within the municipality where specific vulnerable populations congregate/live. The letter also requested information regarding possible drive-thru locations for clinics, as well as a request for on-site assistance with the clinics, such as client transportation, greeting clients, client registration., etc.

Information regarding suitable municipal and community sites & facilities was sent to the designated EOHU contacts. Information was also provided regarding seniors housing.

On February 17th, an EOHU representative contacted the Director of Recreation & Culture and requested a site visit to the Joel Steele Community Hall. The site visit was scheduled for the following day.

On February 22nd, an email was sent, requesting use of the Joel Steele Community Hall for 5 vaccine clinics. The first is scheduled for February 27th. More municipal facility rentals are anticipated to be required over the upcoming months, in order to vaccinate our residents. Therefore, free use of municipally-owned facilities and locations, as well as in-kind support of various means, is recommended in order to accelerate the opportunity in our area.

OPTIONS AND DISCUSSION:

- 1. Authorize and approve that the Eastern Ontario Health Unit be granted use of North Dundas municipal facilities & lands, free of charge, for all COVID-**

19 related vaccination clinics and relief efforts, that take place between February 24th & June 9th, 2021 – recommended.

- 2. Do not approve that the Eastern Ontario Health Unit be granted use of North Dundas municipal facilities & lands, free of charge, for all COVID-19 related vaccination clinics and relief efforts – not recommended.**

FINANCIAL ANALYSIS:

The Township of North Dundas received COVID-19 relief funds from the Federal-Provincial Safe Restart Agreement, to aid in reducing the negative financial impact of the pandemic. Should Council authorize & approve the Eastern Ontario Health Unit to use municipal facilities & lands, free of charge, for the purposes outlined above, the normal rental rates would be transferred from the relief funds, to the applicable facility revenue account.

OTHERS CONSULTED:

CAO

Deputy CAO/Clerk

ATTACHMENTS:

APPENDIX #1 - Letter to Municipalities – COVID-19 Mass Clinics