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Item No. 23 Vaccine Requirement for Council and Political Staff

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

The Executive Policy Committee recommended to Council:

1. That a COVID-19 vaccination requirement for elected officials and their staff, within a timeframe that mirrors the City of Winnipeg staff vaccine requirement, be enacted.

2. That City Councillors and political staff to City Councillors are expected to be fully immunized by November 15, 2021, which means they must receive their first vaccine dose no later than September 30th and their second dose no later than October 28th in order to be fully immunized by November 15th.

3. That Council make accommodations for any City Councillor or political staff that are not vaccinated to work remotely.

4. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY:

Moved by Councillor Gilroy,

That Rule 10(3) of The Procedure By-law No. 50/2007 be suspended in order that the following item, which was received less than four business days preceding the committee meeting, be considered by Committee.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Rollins,

WHEREAS the City of Winnipeg has now instituted a COVID-19 vaccine requirement for those working in public safety, community protection, recreation services, public transportation, and public-facing customer service roles.

AND WHEREAS this program only applies to city employees, and does not apply to elected officials or members of their political staff;

AND WHEREAS at City Hall, many public servants support the public facing political work in service roles such as clerks office and technical and administrative support;

AND WHEREAS City Councillors, as municipal leaders, have an obligation to protect the health and safety of all residents they serve and should do all things possible to prevent needless hospitalizations and burden on the health care system and community;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Executive Policy Committee recommend to Council:

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DECISION MAKING HISTORY (continued):

4. That the Proper Officers of the City be authorized to do all things necessary to implement the intent of the foregoing.

Yea:	Bowman, Allard, Browaty, Gillingham, Gilroy, Mayes, Rollins	7
Nay:		0

Carried