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Item No. 19 Vaccine Requirement for Council and Political Staff

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 21, 2021, the Executive Policy Committee submitted the following 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:

EXECUTIVE POLICY COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION:

On September 21, 2021, the Executive Policy Committee passed the following motion:

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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