



Media Release

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Notice- Town Seeks Public Feedback for Proposed Mandatory Mask By-law

In an effort to help control the spread of COVID-19 in the community, the Town of The Blue Mountains Council is considering the approval of a Mandatory Face Covering By-law that aims to share the responsibility of wearing a mask equally between the business owner/operator and the customer or individual within the indoor public space.

If approved, the By-law would support and augment the existing Provincial Order (Ontario Regulation 346/20), which mandates that a face covering must be worn in all indoor establishments. The proposed By-law is very similar to the current Provincial Order; however, the By-law will add to the responsibility of wearing a face covering to include the customer or individual entering an indoor space.

Currently, the Provincial Order places the responsibility of customers wearing a face covering solely on the business owner/operator. Through the proposed By-law, the Town wants to clearly identify a shared responsibility to both the business owner/operator and the customer or individual entering an indoor space.

To ensure members of the public have the opportunity to understand the proposed Mandatory Face Covering By-law, a dedicated webpage has been created that features information resources for members of the public and business owners and operators. To view the dedicated webpage, please visit: www.thebluemountains.ca/masks.

“This proposed By-law serves to protect our community from the spread of COVID-19,” says Mayor Alar Soever. “The intent of the By-law is to educate and promote current Provincial Orders and to share the responsibility of protecting the community’s health and safety.”

Members of the public wishing to speak at the virtual Committee of the Whole meeting are required to pre-register with the Town Clerk no later than 1:00 pm on Tuesday, November 24, 2020.

To submit your feedback by email, in writing, or to pre-register to speak during the virtual meeting, please contact the Town Clerk, Corrina Giles through the following methods:

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