

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH
COUNCIL MEETING**

AGENDA

**COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1669 ARTHUR ST
Wednesday, August 18, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.**

Council - August 18, 2021

Virtual: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/298779501>

Canada (Toll Free): [1 888 455 1389](tel:18884551389)

Access Code: 298-779-501

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Moment of Silent Reflection**
- 3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest**
- 4. New Business**
- 5. Adoption of the previous minutes**
 - a. Special Council Meeting

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on Monday, July 26, 2021, be adopted as circulated.

6. Accounts

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Register dated August 18, 2021, in the amount of \$165,479.62 be approved as presented.

7. Deputations

Norman E McDermid, owner of 2002 Shore Road
Re: Water flow over property due to construction on 15th Side Road.

8. Staff and Committee Reports

a. Senior' Services Updates

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator/Treasurer summarizing the Seniors Services Program Updates obtained from the Manager Seniors & Persons with a Disability Services be received, and;

That Council accepts the update for their information.

b. RFQ Results for Accessible Doors and Openers

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the results of the RFQ for Accessible Doors and Openers Multiple Locations be received, and;

That Council accept the bid received from Pritchard and Son's Construction in the amount of \$ 58,875 plus HST; and

That staff be authorized to take the necessary steps in order for the work to commence as soon as possible.

c. RFQ Results – C Line Dock Repairs

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the results of the RFQ for repairs at the C Line Wharf be received, and;

That Council accept the bid received from Gardiner Marine Limited in the amount of \$122,529.63; and

That staff be authorized to take the necessary steps in order for the work to commence as soon as possible.

d. RFQ Results – Gore Street Paving

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the results of the RFQ for Gore Street paving be received, and;

That Council accept the bid received from Gilbertson Enterprises in the amount of \$64,617.79; and

That staff be authorized to take the necessary steps in order for the work to commence as soon as possible.

e. RFQ Results – Dr. Trefry Memorial Centre – Parking Lot Paving

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the results of the RFQ for paving at the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre be received, and;

That Council accept the bid received from Avery Construction Limited in the amount of \$29,975.00; and

That staff be authorized to take the necessary steps in order for the work to commence as soon as possible.

b. Municipal Vaccine Policy Discussion

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding current guidelines relating to the Covid-19 pandemic be received and;

That Council direct the Clerk Administrator to:

1. Collect vaccination information provided by all staff and volunteers of the municipality in accordance with recommendations from Algoma Public Health, and;
2. Draft a policy for Council review requiring any staff working with vulnerable persons to provide proof of vaccination or undertake regular antigen testing in accordance with new provincial guidelines affecting community care service providers.

9. Consent Agenda

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT items A through L listed on the Consent Agenda dated August 18, 2021, be received; and

That the recommended actions be taken.

10. Closed Session

- Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council proceed into Closed Session at ____ pm in accordance with Section 239 of the *Municipal Act* in order to discuss personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees and litigation or potential litigation, including matters before administrative tribunals, affecting the municipality or local board.
 - a. Results of Public Works Superintendent posting
 - b. Dr. Trefry Memorial Centre staffing levels
 - c. Restrictive Covenant Contravention

Recommendation: Be it resolved that Council does rise from Closed Session at ____ p.m.

11. By-Laws

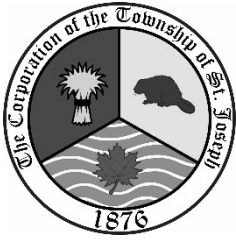
a. Confirmation

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2021-31 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on August Eighteenth, 2021; and

THAT said by-law be read a first and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.

12. Adjournment

Recommendation: BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of the Council of the Township of St. Joseph adjourn at _____ to meet again on Wednesday, September 1, 2021.



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF ST. JOSEPH
SPECIAL COUNCIL MEETING
MINUTES
COUNCIL CHAMBERS, 1669 ARTHUR ST
Monday, July 26, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Virtual Access: <https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/244258893>

Canada (Toll Free): [1 888 299 1889](tel:18882991889)

Access Code: 244-258-893

Present

Council	Mayor Jody Wildman Councillor Steven Adams Councillor Cheryl Ambeault Councillor Barry Elliott Councillor Bryon Hall
Staff	Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator Erica Pollock, Treasurer (Virtual attendance)

1. Call to Order

Mayor Wildman called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

2. Moment of Silent Reflection

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. New Business

Councillor Ambeault – 2 items

a. Town hall fee waiver – ‘Community Night’ Pie group

b. Zoning inquiry

Councillor Hall – 1 Item

a. Marina Committee applicant follow up

5. Adoption of the previous minutes

a. Special Council Meeting

Date:	July 26, 2021
Resolution #:	2021-195
Moved By:	Bryon Hall
Seconded By:	Barry Elliott
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the minutes of the Special Council meeting held on Wednesday, July 21, 2021, be adopted as circulated. Carried.	

6. Accounts

Date:	July 26, 2021
Resolution #:	2021-196
Moved By:	Steven Adams
Seconded By:	Cheryl Ambeault
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Cheque Register dated July 26, 2021, in the amount of \$19,939.19 be approved as presented. Carried.	

7. Budget Presentation

- a. Erica Pollock, Treasurer

Erica presented the final draft budget to the Council, resulting in an overall increase of two percent from the tax levy for the year 2021.

8. Staff and Committee Reports

- a. Exclusion of amortization costs for the Water and Sewer Departments

Date:	July 26, 2021
Resolution #:	2021-197
Moved By:	Bryon Hall
Seconded By:	Barry Elliott
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Treasurer on the exclusion of amortization expenses for the Water and Sewer Departments from the 2021 budget, as required under Ontario Regulation 284/09, be approved as presented. Carried.	

- b. Municipal Marina/Cenotaph Park Proposed Event

Date:	July 26, 2021
Resolution #:	2021-198
Moved By:	Cheryl Ambeault
Seconded By:	Bryon Hall
BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Office Assistant / Healthy Living Coordinator regarding a new proposed event at the Municipal Marina and Cenotaph Park be received; and THAT council authorizes staff to allow the Marina Deck Caterer to host a licensed event August 13, 2021, in conjunction with fundraising efforts by the NSHN Richards Landing Auxiliary. Carried.	

9. Correspondence

- a. Algoma Traditional Music and Dance Group

Date:	July 26, 2021
Resolution #:	2021-199
Moved By:	Cheryl Ambeault
Seconded By:	Steven Adams
BE IT RESOLVED THAT BE IT RESOLVED THAT the letter from Algoma Traditional Music and Dance Group requesting the use of tents for the 2021 music camp be received, and That Council advises staff how to proceed. Carried.	

Due to special circumstances presented by the pandemic and the shortage of available tents within the area, Council agreed to rent to tents to AlgomaTrad outside the Centennial Grounds on a one-time basis.

Recorded Vote: In favour – 4, Opposed -1

10. By-Laws

- a. Tax Rate By-Law

Date:	July 26, 2021
Resolution #:	2021-200

Moved By:	Steven Adams
Seconded By:	Bryon Hall
BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-law 2021 - 29 being a by-law to set the rates of Taxation for the year 2021; and	
That said By-law be read a first and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed the twenty-sixth of July 2021.	
Carried.	

b. Confirmation

Date:	July 26, 2021
Resolution #:	2021-201
Moved By:	Barry Elliott
Seconded By:	Bryon Hall
BE IT RESOLVED THAT leave be granted to introduce By-Law 2021-30 being a By-Law to confirm the proceedings of the Council meeting held on the twenty-sixth of July 2021; and	
THAT said by-law be read a first and taken as read a second and third time and finally passed.	
Carried.	

11. Adjournment

Date:	July 26, 2021
Resolution #:	2021-202
Moved By:	Cheryl Ambeault
Seconded By:	Steven Adams
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting of the Council of the Township of St. Joseph adjourn at 8:15 p.m. to meet again on Wednesday, August 18, 2021.	
Carried.	

Jody Wildman, Mayor

Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator

**Township of St. Joseph
Disbursements**

Date 8/18/2021
Resolution # 21 -

Cheq #	Cheque Date	Name	Description	Cheque Amount
AFT	7/30/2021	BI-WEEKLY PAYROLL	BIWEEKLY - PP #16	\$ 26,597.56
AFT	8/8/2021	MONTHLY PAYROLL	JULY 2021	2,543.91
5784	8/9/2021	GORD HAWDON	MARINA/ROADS/CEMETERY - SIGNS	460.00
5785	8/9/2021	DON LITTLETON ELECTRIC	PARKS - LIGHTING	45,200.00
5786	8/9/2021	STRONGCO EQUIPMENT	ROADS - EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	673.92
5787	8/9/2021	DANIEL SEE	ROADS - EXPENSES	316.39
5788	8/9/2021	RHEAL BELLERIVE	LANDFILL - TOOL SHED	451.97
5789	8/9/2021	ICONIX WATERWORKS LP	ROADS - CULVERTS	5,092.06
5790	8/9/2021	EQUIPMENT WORLD	MARINA - PPE	6.78
5306	8/9/2021	ALGOMA AG CENTRE	MARINA/ROADS - GAS	18,143.22
5307	8/9/2021	ALGOMA OFFICE EQUIPMENT	SNRS - COPIER	84.19
5308	8/9/2021	COMMUNITY FUTURES DEVELOPMENT CORP	GROUP BENEFITS AUG 2021	4,348.16
5309	8/9/2021	ISLAND CLIPPINGS	ADMIN/SNRS - ADVERTISING	528.84
5310	8/9/2021	JOHNSONS FIRE SERVICES INC	FIRE - EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	480.25
5311	8/9/2021	KENTVALE MERCHANTS LTD.	VARIOUS DEPTS - SUPPLIES	942.15
5312	8/9/2021	MASSEY WHOLESALE LIMITED	SNRS - MOW FOOD	850.01
5313	8/9/2021	ROYAL CANADIAN LEGION BRANCH 374	SNRS - MOW KITCHEN RENTAL	480.00
5314	8/9/2021	TRACTION (UAP INC)	ROADS - PARTS	9.58
5315	8/9/2021	UNITED SYSTEMS TECHNOLOGY INC	ADMIN - LICENCE FEES	8,256.15
5316	8/9/2021	ALLETRAM GROUP LTD	RECYCLING - BIN RENTAL	904.00
5317	8/9/2021	GREEN FOR LIFE ENVIRONMENTAL	RECYCLING - BIN EMPTY	3,047.61
5318	8/9/2021	ABELL PEST CONTROL INC	PARKS - CENTENNIAL PEST CONTROL	50.85
5319	8/9/2021	TERRI JONES	SNRS - DAY OUT SUPPLIES	34.67
EFT	8/9/2021	BELL MOBILITY	VARIOUS DEPTS - CELL PHONES	218.69
EFT	8/9/2021	RECEIVER GENERAL	PAYROLL REMITTANCE JUNE 2021	17,123.27
AFT	8/13/2021	BI-WEEKLY PAYROL	BIWEEKLY - PP #17	28,635.39
				<u>\$ 165,479.62</u>

Photos – McDermid

2002 Shore Road

Water flow over property due to construction on 15th Side Road.

These pictures show the entrance to the properties CON D Lots 15 and 16 at civic address 2002 Shore Rd. The property to the left of the 15th Side Road (which acts as driveway) is Lot 15 and is the property suffering severe damage due to water run off.



These photos represent the problems arising from the flow of water under the Shore Road at the 15th Side Road and onto Lot 15.

We have lost a significant number of trees over the years. This is not a new problem. This drainage had been happening for years but since the completion of the new 15th Side Road and the deeper ditches the problem has been exacerbated.







Township of St. Joseph REPORT TO COUNCIL

FROM:	Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator
DATE:	August 18, 2021
SUBJECT:	August 2021 Senior's Services Update Report
RECOMMENDATION:	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator summarizing the Seniors Services Program Updates obtained from the Manager Seniors & Persons with a Disability Services be received, and; That Council accepts the update for their information.

Background

The Seniors and Persons with a Disability Services Advisory Committee met for the first time since March on August 10th, 2021. The following provides a summary of program updates coming from the meeting for Council to receive:

Trefry Centre Upgrades

In their 2021 budget, Council approved several projects to take place at the Dr. H.S Trefry Memorial Centre including paving of the Centre parking lot, a new dishwasher/sanitizer and updating lighting fixtures within the hall portion of the building. Staff has initiated work on all three and hope to have upgrades completed in fall 2021.

3rd Year BSCN Student

In 2020, Council approved staff to enter into a 5-year agreement with the Sault College Bachelor of Science in Nursing program to place students each term with the Dr. Trefry Memorial Centre to assist in development of health promotion. For 2021, there are two terms:

1. September 14-October 27
2. November 2-December 8

In addition to office and programming experience, Dr. McLeod has also offered to provide shadowing under the new PSW pilot program run out of the Centre.

Exercise Program

The Trefry exercise program is back up and running. Margo was so happy to be back. We have capped numbers at 10 clients to ensure safe physical distancing. Recruiting is underway to fill the Laird Instructor position.

Day Out Program

The North East Ontario Home & Community Care is in the process of standardizing operating policies/procedures and business practices for Adult Day Out Programs. They will be conducting an audit in late September and will be identifying areas of noncompliance.

- This audit affects funding

- It is meant to create standardization across the region and ensure each program has all 24 components of the compliance checklist completed and available to clients. The Centre manager has been working with Algoma Public Health to gather the information required.


Covid Policy

The committee has had many conversations surrounding Covid-19 and the safety of staff, volunteers and clients. At their meeting, the Advisory Committee meeting passed the following motion:

“That anyone applying for either a paid or volunteer position with the Dr. Harold S. Trefry Centre should be fully vaccinated for the Covid-19 virus OR agree to weekly surveillance testing as per best practices.” – moved by Jim Robinson, seconded by Sandy Palandra. Carried.”

The committee would like to see a policy created to reflect this motion.

Staff is completing screening at the door/contact tracing as well as having drivers call in the day of their drives.



Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator



Township of St. Joseph REPORT TO COUNCIL

FROM:	Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator
DATE:	August 18, 2021
SUBJECT:	RFQ Results for Accessible Doors and Openers
RECOMMENDATION:	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the results of the RFQ for Accessible Doors and Openers Multiple Locations be received, and; That Council accept the bid received from Pritchard and Son's Construction in the amount of \$ 58,875 plus HST; and That staff be authorized to take the necessary steps in order for the work to commence as soon as possible.

Background

A request for quotes was circulated for accessible doors and openers for public building in Richards Landing as part of the Enabling Accessibility Grant. One submission was received from Pritchard and Son's Contracting in the amount of \$58,875 plus applicable taxes.

The Public Library accessible washroom portion of the project will be advertised through a separate RFQ. The funding amount cannot be allocated from that portion of the grant to the Accessible doors.

Financial Implications

This project was allocated \$50,110, for the items in this RFQ, to come from the Enabling Accessibility funding and any additional amount (\$8,765) to come out of Township reserve funds.

Summary

Council may accept the recommendation as presented or consider other options.

Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator



Township of St. Joseph REPORT TO COUNCIL

FROM:	Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator
DATE:	August 18, 2021
SUBJECT:	RFQ – C Line Wharf Repairs
RECOMMENDATION:	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the results of the RFQ for repairs at the C Line Wharf be received, and; That Council accept the bid received from Gardiner Marine Limited in the amount of \$122,529.63; and That staff be authorized to take the necessary steps in order for the work to commence as soon as possible.

Background

A request for quotes was circulated for dock repairs at the C Line Wharf. One submission was received from Gardiner Marine Limited for \$122,529.63 plus applicable taxes.

Financial Implications

In the event that grant funding cannot be secured for this project, Council approved a transfer from reserve funds to cover the cost of necessary repairs to the dock area at the C Line wharf.

Summary

Council may accept the recommendation as presented or consider other options.

Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator



Township of St. Joseph REPORT TO COUNCIL

FROM:	Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator
DATE:	August 18, 2021
SUBJECT:	Gore Street Paving Results
RECOMMENDATION:	BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the results of the RFQ for Gore Street paving be received, and; That Council accept the bid received from Gilbertson Enterprises in the amount of \$64,617.79; and That staff be authorized to take the necessary steps in order for the work to commence as soon as possible.

Background

A request for quotes was circulated for paving work on Gore Street in Richards Landing. One submission was received from Gilbertson Enterprises in the amount of \$64,617.79 plus applicable taxes.

Financial Implications

This project was budgeted for \$50,000 to come from OCIF funding and any additional amount to come out of Township reserve funds.

Summary

Council may accept the recommendation as presented or consider other options.

Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator



Township of St. Joseph REPORT TO COUNCIL

FROM:	Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator
DATE:	August 18, 2021
SUBJECT:	Dr. Trefry Memorial Centre – Parking Lot Paving RFQ
RECOMMENDATION:	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding the results of the RFQ for paving at the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre be received, and;</p> <p>That Council accept the bid received from Avery Construction Limited in the amount of \$29,975.00; and</p> <p>That staff be authorized to take the necessary steps in order for the work to commence as soon as possible.</p>

Background

A request for quotes was circulated for paving work at the Dr. H.S. Trefry Memorial Centre in Richards Landing. Two submissions were received as follows:

1. Avery Construction Limited - \$29,975.00 plus applicable taxes
2. Pioneer Construction Inc - \$37,510.00 plus applicable taxes

Financial Implications

This project was budgeted for from the capital replacement reserve.

Summary

Council may accept the recommendation as presented or consider other options.

Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator



Township of St. Joseph REPORT TO COUNCIL

FROM:	Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator
DATE:	August 18, 2021
SUBJECT:	Municipal Vaccine Policy Discussion
RECOMMENDATION:	<p>BE IT RESOLVED THAT the report from the Clerk Administrator regarding current guidelines relating to the Covid-19 pandemic be received and;</p> <p>That Council direct the Clerk Administrator to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Collect vaccination information provided by all staff and volunteers of the municipality in accordance with recommendations from Algoma Public Health, and:2. Draft a policy for Council review requiring any staff working with vulnerable persons to provide proof of vaccination or undertake regular antigen testing in accordance with new provincial guidelines affecting community care service providers.

Information Gathering

In speaking to Algoma Public Health (APH), the current recommendation is for all workplaces to gather vaccination data for their staff and volunteers including their name, vaccination date, contact information and vaccination information so that, in the event of an outbreak or situation where APH needs to contact for high-risk exposures, the Township can provide this information in a timely manner.

Mandating Proof of Vaccination for those working with the Vulnerable/High-Risk Sector

On August 17th, the province released information making proof of vaccination necessary for workers in high-risk settings (attached). The Chief Medical Officer of Health has issued a directive mandating hospitals and home and community care service providers to have a COVID-19 vaccination policy for employees, staff, contractors, students and volunteers, and for ambulance services to have a COVID-19 vaccination policy for paramedics. The vaccination policy must be effective no later than September 7, 2021, and at a minimum will require these individuals to provide proof of one of three things:

- Full vaccination against COVID-19;
- A medical reason for not being vaccinated against COVID-19; or
- Completion of a COVID-19 vaccination educational session.

Individuals who do not provide proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 will be required to undertake regular antigen testing. These settings will be required to track and report on the implementation of their policies to the provincial government. This is similar to the vaccination policy requirements currently in place for long-term care homes.

Financial Implications

There is no financial impact to the municipality as a result of this report.

Summary

Council may accept the recommendation as presented, reject it or consider other options.

Amanda Richardson, Clerk Administrator

From: [Sherie Gladu](#)
To: [Amanda Richardson](#)
Subject: FW: Ontario Makes COVID-19 Vaccination Policies Mandatory for High-Risk Settings
Date: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 1:46:16 PM

This looks like it answers the concern about unvaccinated community care workers.

FYI

Melissa Francella

Melissa Francella, CPHI (C), BTech Env Health | Public Health Inspector
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From: Ontario News <newsroom@ontario.ca>
Sent: Tuesday, August 17, 2021 1:07 PM
To: Leonardo Vecchio
Subject: Ontario Makes COVID-19 Vaccination Policies Mandatory for High-Risk Settings

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NEWS RELEASE

Ontario Makes COVID-19 Vaccination Policies Mandatory for High-Risk Settings

Province to Begin Offering Third Doses of COVID-19 Vaccines to Most Vulnerable Ontarians

August 17, 2021
[Ministry of Health](#)

TORONTO — In response to evolving data around the transmissibility of the Delta variant and based on the recent experiences of other

jurisdictions, the government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is taking action to increase protection for our most vulnerable, including frail seniors, immunocompromised individuals and young children who are not yet eligible for vaccination. This includes making COVID-19 vaccination policies mandatory in high-risk settings, pausing the province's exit from the Roadmap to Reopen and providing third doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to vulnerable populations. The government is also expanding eligibility for the Pfizer vaccine to children born in 2009 or earlier.

To protect vulnerable patients and staff in settings where the risk of contracting and transmitting COVID-19 and the Delta variant is higher, the Chief Medical Officer of Health has issued a directive mandating hospitals and home and community care service providers to have a COVID-19 vaccination policy for employees, staff, contractors, students and volunteers, and for ambulance services to have a COVID-19 vaccination policy for paramedics. The vaccination policy must be effective no later than September 7, 2021, and at a minimum will require these individuals to provide proof of one of three things:

- Full vaccination against COVID-19;
- A medical reason for not being vaccinated against COVID-19; or
- Completion of a COVID-19 vaccination educational session.

Individuals who do not provide proof of full vaccination against COVID-19 will be required to undertake regular antigen testing. These settings will be required to track and report on the implementation of their policies to the provincial government. This is similar to the vaccination policy requirements currently in place for long-term care homes.

“While Ontario remains a leading jurisdiction for first and second doses administered and we have the infrastructure in place to manage outbreaks, the Delta variant is highly transmissible and the experience of other jurisdictions shows we must remain vigilant as we head into the fall,” said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. “By taking additional measures in high-risk settings we will further protect our most vulnerable, safeguard hospital capacity, ensure a safe return to school and keep Ontario running.”

To support the return to school plan, the Ministry of Education intends to introduce a vaccination disclosure policy for all publicly-funded school board employees, and staff in private schools as well as for all staff in licensed child care settings for the 2021-22 school year, with rapid antigen testing requirements for staff who are not immunized against COVID-19. The Ontario government is also working with public health units and publicly funded school boards to run voluntary vaccination clinics in or nearby schools to make vaccines even more convenient and accessible for eligible students, their families, educators and school staff returning to school this fall.

Vaccination policies will also be implemented in other higher-risk settings such as:

- Post-secondary institutions;
- Licensed retirement homes;
- Women's shelters; and
- Congregate group homes and day programs for adults with developmental disabilities, children's treatment centres and other services for children with special needs, and licensed children's residential settings.

"With the support of Ontario's Chief Medical Officer of Health, our government is taking action to make schools as safe as possible," said Stephen Lecce, Minister of Education. "Our plan will protect our schools, ensure rapid speed with contact tracing, all with the intention of keeping them open for the benefit of Ontario students."

As an additional measure to continue protecting Ontario's most vulnerable, based on the recommendation of the Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts, the province will begin offering third doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to those at highest-risk, providing them with an extra layer of protection against the Delta variant. This includes:

- Transplant recipients (including solid organ transplant and hematopoietic stem cell transplants);
- Patients with hematological cancers (examples include lymphoma, myeloma, leukemia) on active treatment (chemotherapy, targeted therapies, immunotherapy);
- Recipients of an anti-CD20 agent (e.g. rituximab, ocrelizumab, ofatumumab); and
- Residents of high-risk congregate settings including long-term care homes, higher-risk licensed retirement homes and First Nations elder care lodges.

Locations and timing for third doses will vary by public health unit and high-risk population based on local planning and considerations, with some beginning as early as this week where opportunities exist.

In addition, to further support a safer return to school by ensuring more children and youth can benefit from the protection offered by the vaccine, the province will extend eligibility to the Pfizer vaccine to children born in 2009. Ontario has closely monitored data from Alberta and British Columbia in making this decision, and these provinces have offered the Pfizer vaccine to youth born in 2009 for several months with no risks identified. Starting on Wednesday, August 18, 2021, all children turning 12 years old before the end of 2021 will be eligible to receive their first dose of COVID-19 vaccine and can book their appointment through the [provincial booking system](#), through their public health unit, or pharmacies, or can

walk-in to vaccination clinics across the province.

“Keeping a low rate of infection in our communities and protecting our most vulnerable is how we can keep our schools, our businesses and our social settings as safe as possible while minimizing disruption,” said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. “To provide the best protection to each individual while learning to live with the virus, we are taking action by requiring individuals who work in higher-risk settings to be fully vaccinated, by providing a third dose of a COVID-19 vaccine to certain groups who have a decreased immune response and by expanding the eligibility to the children born in 2009 or earlier.”

While the province has reached the exciting milestone of more than 81 per cent of Ontarians aged 12 and over having received a first dose, and is expected to reach its target of 75 per cent vaccinated with a second dose later this month, out of an abundance of caution the government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, is pausing the exit from the [Roadmap to Reopen](#). The Chief Medical Officer of Health and other health experts will continue to monitor the data to determine when it is safe to exit the Roadmap and lift the majority of public health and workplace safety measures currently in place.

Quick Facts

- All vaccines delivered as part of Ontario’s vaccine rollout provide high levels of effectiveness against hospitalization and death from COVID-19 and its variants, including the Delta variant. During July 2021, unvaccinated individuals were approximately eight times more likely to get infected with COVID-19 compared to those who were fully vaccinated.
- Evolving evidence around the Delta variant shows that it is more transmissible and has a higher likelihood of causing severe illness and outcomes in those infected.
- To date, more than 20 million of doses have been administered in Ontario. More than 81 per cent of Ontarians aged 12 and over have received at least a first dose of a COVID-19 vaccine and more than 73 per cent have received both doses.
- Individuals can prove they are fully vaccinated by showing the physical or emailed receipt that was provided to them at the time of vaccination. [Vaccination receipts can also be downloaded or printed through the provincial portal](#) or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900. This version of the vaccine receipt contains a watermark and a digital signature to deter forgery.
- The federal government has announced its plan to implement a national vaccine passport for international travel. In addition to the official proof of vaccination provided by the Ministry of Health, a vaccine passport provided by the federal government can be used

domestically as proof of immunization should it be required by a business or organization.

- Organizations implicated by the directive will follow existing Provincial Antigen Screening Program (PASP) processes to access government-provided rapid antigen screening kits, to be provided by the organization for individuals who are required to undertake regular antigen screening. To date, over 16.9 million government-provided antigen tests have been deployed to for us in approximately 12,400 workplaces.
- On [July 16, 2021](#), the province [moved into Step Three](#) of the [Roadmap to Reopen](#), based on the provincewide vaccination rate and continued improvements in key public health and health system indicators.
- Local medical officers of health have the ability to issue Section 22 orders under the Health Protection and Promotion Act, and municipalities may enact by-laws, to target specific transmission risks in the community and help protect Ontarians from COVID-19.

Additional Resources

- [Ontario's Updated COVID-19 Vaccination Eligibility](#)
- [Ontario mandates Immunization Policies for Long-Term Care Homes](#)
- For resources in multiple languages to help local communication efforts in responding to COVID-19, visit Ontario's [COVID-19 communication resources webpage](#).
- [COVID-19: Health, safety and operational guidance \(2021-22\)](#)
- Visit Ontario's [website](#) to learn more about how the province continues to protect the people of Ontario from COVID-19.

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