

STAFF REPORT TO COUNCIL

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DATE: March 5, 2021

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

NAME AND TITLE: Adam Davey, Director of Community Services & Public Safety

SUBJECT: City support to Northern Health's Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic (Civic Center)

ATTACHMENT(S): None

RECOMMENDATION(S):

That Council RECEIVES FOR INFORMATION the report of March 5, 2021, from the Director of Community Services and Public Safety, titled "City support to Northern Health's Covid-19 Vaccination Clinic (Civic Center),"

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this report is to provide high-level information on the support the City is providing Northern Health (NH)'s Covid-19 mass vaccination campaign.

BACKGROUND & DISCUSSION:

The City is working with NH by providing the Prince George Conference & Civic Center (PGCCC) as the Covid-19 mass vaccination site for the Prince George area. Planning and setup is underway and NH intends to begin vaccinations on Tuesday, March 16, as per the Provincial and NH Vaccination Plans (available here: [COVID-19 vaccine plan | Northern Health](#)). NH is leading operational management of the Civic Center with the assistance of City staff in a support role. Active planning on staff support levels and other details are underway as of writing. It is anticipated that some staff currently on layoff may have employment opportunities. The end-date is currently slated for the fall timeframe but this is subject to change depending on several factors. The City and NH have entered into a Lease Agreement until December 31, 2021. This may be adjusted depending on the ongoing situation. NH is providing cost-recovery for City staffing and incremental venue costs.

Patient parking is available at the Four Seasons Leisure Pool parking lot, free of charge. Operational details, schedule, hours of operation and so forth will continue to be provided by NH. The City shall continue to amplify NH communications through the City's centralized Covid-19 website, available here:

<https://princegeorge.ca/City%20Services/Pages/Emergency%20Response%20and%20Safety/Covid-19-Information.aspx>

SUMMARY AND CONCLUSION:

The City is pleased to support Northern Health Authority in the vital public health undertaking of providing Covid-19 vaccinations for our community. Public vaccinations as per the Provincial Vaccination Plan is scheduled to begin on March 16 at the Prince George Conference & Civic Center. This schedule is slated to continue throughout the spring, summer and potentially into the fall of this year. The City shall continue to provide support as required and amplify NHA communications through

the City's Covid-19 webpage and other communications platforms. Supporting this vital public health effort is a high priority.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

Adam Davey, Director of Community Services & Public Safety

APPROVED:

Walter Babicz, Acting City Manager

Meeting Date: 2021/03/22