



MEMBER'S MOTION

Submitted at the Regular Board meeting held on 2021-11-15

Park Board Commissioner COVID-19 Vaccinations

SUBMITTED BY: Commissioner Mackinnon

WHEREAS:

1. Vaccinations are the best line of defense against COVID-19 and its variants.
2. The Government of Canada has announced vaccine requirements for all federal employees.
3. The Province of BC has mandated all provincial employees to be fully vaccinated, stating "as more employees return to their regular workplaces later in the fall, this provides an additional and reassuring layer of protection for workers who are continuing the vital work of serving British Columbians".
4. Several major Canadian private sector employers and Crown corporations have also implemented mandatory vaccination policies.
5. On October 18, 2021, the City of Vancouver [announced](#) that all City and Park Board staff must be fully vaccinated against COVID-19 by December 6, 2021.
6. The City of Vancouver COVID-19 Vaccination Policy was created as a further step toward limiting the impacts of the virus on the community and aligns with provincial health officer recommendations for large employers to implement vaccine mandates.
7. The City of Vancouver policy applies to staff and volunteers, but does not apply to elected Council or Park Board officials as they are not subject to the same employment terms as employees.
8. On October 19, 2021, the City of Vancouver issued an Information Bulletin announcing that all members of Council are voluntarily following the intent of the staff policy, as well as advice from public health.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT, as the new City of Vancouver COVID-19 Vaccination Policy does not apply to elected officials, the Park Board confirms that all Commissioners are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 and will voluntarily follow the intent of the staff policy, as well as advice from public health.