

RESOLUTION REGARDING THE WEARING OF FACE COVERINGS IN PUBLIC SPACES ON THE TERRITORY OF THE CITY OF CÔTE SAINT-LUC DUE TO THE COVID-19 VIRUS

WHEREAS on March 11, 2020 the World Health Organization declared a global pandemic related to the spread of the COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS on March 13, 2020 the Quebec government declared a state of emergency in the province of Quebec due to the spread of the COVID-19 virus by way of decree 177-2020 and subsequently renewed the state of emergency by way of decrees 222-2020, 388-2020, 418-2020, 460-2020, 478-2020, 483-2020, 501-2020 and 509-2020;

WHEREAS since declaring a state of emergency on March 13, 2020, the Quebec government has adopted numerous decrees and ministerial orders imposing measures for the safety and protection of human health;

WHEREAS the City of Côte Saint-Luc ("City") declared a local state of emergency on its territory on March 17, 2020 due to the COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS the City has a high concentration of senior citizens, representing over 30% of its population, which are most susceptible to be affected by the COVID-19 virus;

WHEREAS the City also has a high population density per square kilometer due to the high number of multi-family dwellings such as condominium complexes and apartment buildings on its territory;

WHEREAS the City has several institutions including seven (7) senior residences and, two (2) hospitals and one (1) CLSC on its territory;

WHEREAS since the provincial state of emergency, the City has experienced a high rate of infection as evidenced by the public health authority reports, including up to 461 confirmed cases and 24 confirmed deaths as of May 20, 2020;

WHEREAS the governmental health authorities such as the *Institut National de la Santé Publique du Québec*, the *Direction de la Santé Publique* and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention have recommended that people wear face coverings (medical masks or non-medical masks or other face coverings such as bandanas, scarves or cloth) in public spaces as a complementary measure to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus over and above the *sine qua non* rules such as frequent hand-washing and meticulously obeying the rules of physical distancing;

WHEREAS people with mild or no symptoms can contribute to the spread of the COVID-19 virus and face coverings may reduce the risk of an infected person unknowingly transmitting the COVID-19 virus to others;

WHEREAS residents of Côte Saint-Luc should wear face coverings in all public spaces on its territory to further avoid the spread of the COVID-19 virus as physical distancing measures are not possible in certain situations, such as:

- When walking through the underpass on Cavendish Boulevard, Westminster Avenue, and Côte Saint-Luc Rd.;

- When waiting at a bus stop;
- When crossing another person on the sidewalk of a busy street with limited space such as Cavendish Boulevard;
- When waiting in line to enter a commercial establishment with a street level entrance; and
- When waiting at the intersection to cross a street.

It was

MOVED BY COUNCILLOR
SECONDED BY COUNCILLOR

AND RESOLVED:

“THAT residents of Côte Saint-Luc wear face coverings in all public spaces on its territory and respect the following instructions related to the wearing of face coverings:

- Always wear a face covering where physical distancing is difficult or not possible;
- Always wear a face covering when taking public transit, bus or metro;
- Always wear a face covering when taking a taxi or Uber;
- Practice hand hygiene before putting the face covering on and after removing it;
- Avoid touching the face covering when it is being worn;
- Properly dispose of medical face coverings once they are humid or dirty;
- Avoid placing used face coverings on tables and counters;
- Replace non-medical face coverings when they are humid or dirty;
- Regularly wash non-medical face coverings; and
- Children under the age of two years, people with respiratory difficulties or who need help to remove their face covering should not wear them.

THAT nothing in this resolution shall abrogate or derogate from implementing other essential COVID-19-related preventative measures such as:

- Frequent hand-washing; and
- Meticulously obeying the rules of physical distancing.”