

Addendum to the Health and Social Services Committee Agenda

Council Chambers Regional Headquarters Building 605 Rossland Road East, Whitby

Thursday, March 4, 2021

9:30 AM

7. Health

7.1 Correspondence

A) Correspondence dated March 3, 2021 from June Gallagher, Municipal Clerk, Municipality of Clarington, to The Honourable Lindsey Park, MPP, re: Wilmot Creek Vaccinations

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Recommendation: Receive for Information



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March 3, 2021

The Honourable Lindsey Park, M.P.P., Durham 23 King Street West Bowmanville, ON L1C 1R2

Via Email: lindsey.park@pc.ola.org

Dear Ms. Park:

Re: Wilmot Creek Vaccinations

File Number: PG.25.06

At a meeting held on March 1, 2021, the Council of the Municipality of Clarington approved the following Resolution #C-091-21:

Whereas there are 1600 older adults residing in Wilmot Creek Older Adult Lifestyle Community and a significant portion are over eighty years old, are immunocompromised and/or have health conditions;

Whereas there are approximately three hundred older adult lifestyle communities across Ontario where older adults live independently but in congregate, in small homes, trailers or apartment-style buildings;

Whereas many older adult lifestyle community residents rely on daily visits by outside workers such as personal support workers and house cleaners, putting them at a greater risk of contracting COVID-19;

Whereas fifty-two per cent of older adult lifestyle community residents in Ontario are individuals aged seventy years and older;

Whereas adults aged sixty-five to eighty-four years old account for the majority of COVID-19 related deaths in Canada, and those aged forty-five years old and older are 89% to 93% more likely to die from COVID if they have pre-existing conditions:

Whereas the Province of Ontario plans to vaccinate 1.2 million seniors and caregivers as part of Phase 1 in March, 2021; and

Whereas the Provincial government announced that Phase 1 included "seniors living in congregate" but this does not include seniors living in older adult lifestyle communities;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved:

That the Province acknowledges that older adult lifestyle communities are in fact, "congregations" of seniors as per the criterion for Phase 1 administration of the COVID-19 vaccine and such, older adult lifestyle community residents should be vaccinated as part of Phase 1 in accordance with Public Health Guidelines:

That the Municipality of Clarington supports the Wilmot Creek Homeowner's Association request that the Wilmot Creek Wheelhouse be used for administration of the vaccine as part of Phase 1 in Clarington, to Wilmot Creek residents only; and

The Council's decision be forwarded to MPP Lindsey Park and Dr. Robert Kyle, Medical Officer of Health.

That this Motion be circulated to the Durham Region Health and Social Services Committee, MPP for Durham Lindsay Park, Durham area Municipalities, AMO, and the Canadian Association for Retired Persons.

Yours sincerely,

June Gallagher, B.A., Dipl. M

Municipal Clerk

JG/cm

c: See attached list of interested parties

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