**TOWN OF HAMILTON**

**BOARD OF HEALTH MEETING**

MINUTES OF MEETING

Thursday, August 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.

**Hamilton Board Members Present**: David Smith (Chair), Christopher Small, Dr. Giselle Perez

**Others Present**: Rachel Lee, Public Health Nurse

1. **Call to Order**

The Hamilton Board of Health meeting was called to order by David Smith at 2 p.m. via Zoom.

Roll Call: David Smith – aye, Christopher Small – aye, Giselle Perez – aye, and Rachel Lee – aye.

1. **Discussion and Vote on Masking Recommendation**

David Smith introduced the fact that the CDC and the State DPH recently issued revised guidance recommending use of face coverings in all public indoor settings for everyone regardless of vaccination status as a result of the Delta-variant driven surge in Covid-19 positive cases, hospitalizations and deaths.

He then introduced a written statement making that recommendation for consideration by the Board. The statement was discussed and several organizational improvements suggested. The Board then voted unanimously to accept and adopt the following amended statement strongly recommending face coverings/masks by everyone in all public indoor spaces:

* Hamilton Board of Health Recommendation for Use of Masks in Indoor Public Spaces -- Dated 12 August 2021

1. **Discussion on Notifying EMS of Addresses of Covid-19 Positives**

Rachel Lee asked the Board about whether to continue or allow to lapse the procedure adopted under the Governor’s Public Health Emergency Declaration (which has expired) to pass along to Town EMS the addresses of Covid-19 positive cases. After discussion of the issues involved, the Board voted by a majority to allow that procedure to lapse and to so inform Town EMS.

1. **Adjournment**

Motion made by David Smith to adjourn at 2:30 p.m. Seconded by Christopher Small.

Roll Call Vote: David Smith – aye, Giselle Perez – aye, and Christopher Small – aye.

Unanimous in favor of voting members.

Prepared by:

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