

# Municipality of East Ferris

## Report to Council

Report No.: FD-2022-01

Date: January 11, 2022

Originator: Frank Loeffen, Fire Chief/CEMC

Subject: Information Report on Service Impact from COVID-19 and Omicron

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### RECOMMENDATION

1. That the Council for the Municipality of East Ferris accept the information report from the Fire Chief regarding service provision and training of the East Ferris Fire Department during the provincial restrictions and return to Stage 2 of *Ontario's Roadmap to Reopen* due to COVID-19 and Omicron infection rates rising in the province of Ontario.

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### BACKGROUND

All active members of the East Ferris Fire Department are fully vaccinated against COVID-19 as per Municipal Policy GOV-007, dated October 12, 2021, and are now in the process of receiving their boosters.

Department members have been instructed by the Fire Chief to conduct daily COVID-19 self-assessment screening and to report directly to the Chief if they have any symptoms as outlined by the Office of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

If members suspect or have symptoms, they are to isolate and are not permitted to attend department activities.

Members are required to wear protective equipment such as masks when in apparatuses and on emergency scenes to protect themselves and others.

With the province returning to Stage 2 of *Ontario's Roadmap to Reopen*, department training and non-emergency activities have been suspended until further notice. This will be evaluated weekly.

Theoretical training is currently being conducted until the department can resume in person training.

In the event that a large number of members contract COVID-19, the Nipissing/East Parry Sound Mutual Aid system can be used to assist with personnel and equipment.

Conversations with neighbouring departments has also confirmed the reciprocating services during this pandemic.

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## **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

Currently there are no financial implications foreseen.

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## **RECOMMENDED OPTION / ANALYSIS**

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Respectfully Submitted,



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I concur with this report and recommendation,



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