RESOLUTION NO.: 2021-25



McDougall	DATE: <u>February 17, 2021</u>		
	CARRIED:		
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MOVED BY:	DIVISION LIST	<u>FOR</u>	<u>AGAINST</u>
Councillor Malott	Councillor Constable	White out the comme	
	Councillor Gregory		
SECONDED BY:	Councillor Malott		
Councillor Constable	Councillor Ryman		
	Mayor Robinson		

WHEREAS there is a willingness in the community to support directives from the Province and the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit; and

WHEREAS the North Bay Parry Sound Health District was a Green Zone prior to the Stay-at-Home Order; and

WHEREAS the more restrictive the directives, the greater the financial burden on businesses and individuals in the community; and

WHEREAS the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit has taken a more restrictive approach than many District Health Units in Ontario by extending the Stay-at-Home Order until at least February 22, 2021; and

WHEREAS the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit has also taken a very restrictive approach by ordering all public ice rinks, tobogganing hills, skating trails, and Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs' (OFSC) trails and trails utilizing Crown Land in the health unit district to be closed; and

WHEREAS community understanding and support is critical to achieving the objective of the directives - slowing the spread of the virus; and

WHEREAS the conditions in the North Bay Parry Sound Health District do not appear to be dissimilar to the conditions in many other Ontario health districts; and

WHEREAS variants of the virus have been confirmed in other Ontario Health Districts and the Stay-at-Home Order has been lifted; and

WHEREAS a greater community awareness generates greater community support; and WHEREAS the Municipality of McDougall Council has no authority with respect to Provincial and Health Unit directives:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Municipality of McDougali requests that the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit take a more pro-active approach to community outreach and communication through a range of communication techniques; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT increased communication include greater dialogue with municipal and healthcare leaders across the health district in advance of announcements; and

FURTHER BE IT RESOLVED THAT this resolution be forwarded to the Mayors and healthcare leaders within the health district, the Honourable Norm Miller, MPP for Parry Sound-Muskoka, and the Honourable Victor Fedeli, MPP for Nipissing.