

Municipality of West Elgin Agenda West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management

September 8, 2021, 9:00 a.m. West Elgin Community Centre

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Pages

1. Call to Order

2. Adoption of Agenda

Recommendation: That West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management hereby adopts the Agenda as presented.

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

4. Minutes

Recommendation: That West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management Committee adopt the minutes of August 11, 2021 as circulated and printed.

5. Business Arising from Minutes

6. Staff Reports

6.1. 2021-2022 Operational Update

Proof of vaccination requirement news release and frequently asked questions.

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7. Adjournment

Recommendation:

That the West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management hereby adjourn at a.m. to meet again on October 13, 2021 9:00 a.m.



Municipality of West Elgin

Minutes

West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management

August 11, 2021, 9:00 a.m. West Elgin Community Centre

Present:	Ken Loveland Jim Hathaway Jeff Carmichael
Regrets:	Duncan McPhail
Staff Present:	Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations and Community Services Emily Jocius

1. Call to Order

Chair K. Loveland called the meeting to order at 9:30 a.m.

2. Adoption of Agenda

Moved: Jim Hathaway Seconded: Jeff Carmichael

That West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management hereby adopts the Agenda as presented.

Carried

3. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

No disclosures

4. Minutes

Moved: Jim Hathaway **Seconded:** Jeff Carmichael

That West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management Committee adopt the minutes of June 9, 2021 as circulated and printed.

Carried

5. Business Arising from Minutes

No Business arising from the minutes.

6. Financials

Jim Hathaway inquired on Note 7- Cell Booster. The Cell Booster was purchased to ensure cell phone signal could be broadcasted throughout the arena to ensure staff safety. The cell booster will also provide patrons that access the arena better cell phone service.

Moved: Jeff Carmichael Seconded: Jim Hathaway

The West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management hereby receives the arena financials as of July 31, 2021.

Carried

7. Staff Reports

7.1 Draft Schedule

Emily Jocius, Operations and Community Services Coordinator spoke on the draft schedule. The schedule will be confirmed once Minor Hockey registration numbers are in. The West Elgin Skating club is prepared to skate on September 20, 2021. The West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management directed staff to start making ice for an opening day of September 20, 2021.

7.2 COVID-19 Update

E. Jocius, provided an update on current covid-19 restrictions for the West Elgin Community Centre. Additional information will be sent to all users once received from Southwestern Public Health.

Moved: Jeff Carmichael Seconded: Jim Hathaway

That West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management hereby receives the report from Emily Jocius, Operations and Community Services Coordinator for information purposes.

Carried

7.3 Verbal Discussion Concession Stand

The Board had a verbal discussion on potential of offering a concession stand for the 2021-2022 ice season.

Moved: Jim Hathaway **Seconded:** Jeff Carmichael

The West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management direct staff to put forth a call for proposal regarding interest in the 2021-2022 Concession Stand.

Carried

7.4 Capital Work

Lee Gosnell, Manager of Operations and Community Services gave the West Elgin Community Centre Board of management an update on quotes for the budgeted Capital work.

HD painting \$ 25,000 plus HST for the outside painting

Joe Machado \$ 8, 500 plus HST for the eaves troughs

Moved: Jim Hathaway **Seconded:** Jeff Carmichael

The West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management directed staff to start the RFP process for the Capital Work.

Carried

8. Adjournment

Moved: Jim Hathaway **Seconded:** Jeff Carmichael

That the West Elgin Community Centre Board of Management hereby adjourn at 10:07 a.m. to meet again on September 8, 2021 at 9:00 a.m.

Carried

Ken Loveland, Chair

Emily Jocius, Recording Secretary



NEWS RELEASE

Ontario to Require Proof of Vaccination in Select Settings

Province to launch enhanced vaccine certificate and verification app to stop the spread of COVID-19

September 01, 2021 Premier's Office

TORONTO — To further protect Ontarians as the province continues to confront the Delta-driven fourth wave of the COVID-19, the government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health, will require people to be fully vaccinated and provide proof of their vaccination status to access certain businesses and settings starting September 22, 2021. Requiring proof of vaccination in these settings reduces risk and is an important step to encourage every last eligible Ontarian to get their shot, which is critical to protecting the province's hospital capacity, while also supporting businesses with the tools they need to keep customers safe, stay open and minimize disruptions.

"As the world continues its fight against the Delta variant, our government will never waver in our commitment to do what's necessary to keep people safe, protect our hospitals and minimize disruptions to businesses," said Premier Ford. "Based on the latest evidence and best advice, COVID-19 vaccine certificates give us the best chance to slow the spread of this virus while helping us to avoid further lockdowns. If you haven't received your first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine, please do so today."

As of September 22, 2021, Ontarians will need to be fully vaccinated (two

doses plus 14 days) and provide their proof of vaccination along with photo ID to access certain public settings and facilities. This approach focuses on higher-risk indoor public settings where face coverings cannot always be worn and includes:

- Restaurants and bars (excluding outdoor patios, as well as delivery and takeout);
- Nightclubs (including outdoor areas of the establishment);
- Meeting and event spaces, such as banquet halls and conference/convention centres;
- Facilities used for sports and fitness activities and personal fitness training, such as gyms, fitness and recreational facilities with the exception of youth recreational sport;
- Sporting events;
- Casinos, bingo halls and gaming establishments;
- Concerts, music festivals, theatres and cinemas;
- Strip clubs, bathhouses and sex clubs;
- Racing venues (e.g., horse racing).

These mandatory requirements would not apply to outdoor settings where the risk of transmission is lower, including patios, with the exception of outdoor nightclub spaces given the risk associated with the setting. In addition, these requirements will not apply to settings where people receive medical care, food from grocery stores, medical supplies and the like. Aligned with public health measures currently in place, indoor masking policies will continue to remain in place.

"We know vaccines provide the best protection against COVID-19 and the Delta variant," said Christine Elliott, Deputy Premier and Minister of Health. "To protect the health and well-being of Ontarians, our government will offer one more tool to encourage even more Ontarians to receive the vaccine and provide further protection to fully vaccinated Ontarians as they safely enjoy activities with their loved ones and support their local businesses."

Individuals who cannot receive the vaccine due to medical exemptions will be permitted entry with a doctor's note until recognized medical exemptions can be integrated as part of a digital vaccine certificate. Children who are 11 years of age and younger and unable to be vaccinated will also be exempted from these requirements.

For the period between September 22 and October 12, 2021, it is intended that people attending wedding or funeral receptions at meeting or event spaces will be able to provide a negative rapid antigen COVID-19 test from no more than 48 hours before the event as an alternative to proof of vaccination. These rapid antigen tests would have to be privately purchased.

Ontario will develop and provide additional tools to improve user experience, efficiency and business supports in the coming weeks, including establishing alternative tools for people with no email, health card or ID. The government will work to support implementation of vaccine certificates for Indigenous communities whether or not they have opted to enter their data into COVaxON, while maintaining Indigenous data governance, control, access and possession principles.

Ontarians currently have access to a paper or PDF vaccine receipt that includes all relevant information to prove that they are fully vaccinated. As of September 22, Ontarians will be required to show their vaccine receipt when entering designated settings along with another piece of photo identification, such as a driver's licence or health card. This is similar initial implementation approach announced in British Columbia.

Ontario will also introduce an enhanced digital vaccine receipt that features a QR code, which is safe, more secure and with you wherever you go. This digital vaccine receipt can be kept on a phone and easily used to show that you've been vaccinated if you need to. In addition, the province will launch a new app to make it easier and more convenient for businesses and organizations to read and verify that a digital vaccine receipt is valid, while protecting your privacy.

As the 2021-22 school year begins, it is critical to keep Ontario schools safe and students learning in-person. The province will work with trusted public health units to use the existing COVaxON system to safely and securely confirm the vaccination status of students. The province is committed to keeping parents informed about how their child's COVID-19 vaccine information and enrollment data is being used to keep schools

safe. This will equip local public health units with the information they need to ensure rapid case and contact management if required to limit disruptions in the event of cases or outbreaks and keep kids in class.

"We are already seeing a rise in the number of cases of COVD-19 as we head into the fall," said Dr. Kieran Moore, Chief Medical Officer of Health. "As we enter the last mile push to increase vaccination rates, the introduction of a vaccine certificate is an important step to give people the tools to limit further spread of the virus so that we can ensure the safety of all Ontarians while keeping the province open and operational."

"Combining the use of a QR code with a trusted, made in Ontario verifier app will help support the province's health measures," said Kaleed Rasheed, Associate Minister of Digital Government. "These tools will provide a simpler, faster, and better way to prove vaccination status that is both convenient and secure – while also supporting businesses with an easy validation process."

Quick Facts

- Individuals can provide proof of immunization by downloading or printing their vaccine receipt from the provincial booking portal, or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900.
- Ontarians who received their first or second dose of the <u>COVID-19</u> <u>vaccine out of province</u> should contact their local <u>public health unit</u> to record their information and receive proper documentation.
- The province will continue to work with the federal government to ensure the integration and interoperability with a national vaccine passport for the purposes of international travel.
- The government is continuing its <u>last mile strategy</u> to reach eligible individuals who have yet to receive a first or second dose.
- To protect vulnerable patients and staff in settings where the risk of contracting and transmitting COVID-19 and the Delta variant is higher, the government, in consultation with the Chief Medical Officer of Health is pausing the province's exit from the Roadmap to Reopen and providing third doses of the COVID-19 vaccine to vulnerable populations. The CMOH is also making COVID-19 vaccination

policies mandatory in higher-risk settings.

- COVID-19 vaccines are currently available at over 3,150 locations across the province, including more than 2,500 pharmacies and more than 650 mass immunization clinics, hospitals, primary care settings and pop up and mobile clinics.
- A key component of Ontario's last mile strategy is getting vaccines to people, wherever they are located. If you need your first or second shot, keep an eye out for our new <u>GO-VAXX mobile clinics</u>.

Additional Resources

- New Requirement for Proof of Vaccination in Certain Settings: <u>Frequently Asked Questions</u>
- Ontario Makes COVID-19 Vaccination Policies Mandatory for High-Risk Settings
- Ontario Working with Public Health Units to Run COVID-19
 Vaccination Clinics in Schools
- COVID-19: Health, safety and operational guidance (2021-22)
- For public inquiries, please contact the Provincial Vaccine Hotline at 1-833-943-3900.
- For resources in multiple languages to help local communication efforts in responding to COVID-19, visit Ontario's <u>COVID-19</u> <u>communication resources webpage</u>.
- Visit Ontario's <u>website</u> to learn more about how the province continues to protect the people of Ontario from COVID-19.

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New Requirement for Proof of Vaccination in Certain Settings: Frequently Asked Questions

September 01, 2021 Office of the Premier

TORONTO — Beginning September 22, 2021, Ontario will require proof of vaccination focused on indoor public settings. All Ontarians who registered their vaccines are encouraged to <u>download their vaccine receipt</u> as proof of their vaccine status until an enhanced vaccine certificate with a QR code is available.

Who is considered fully vaccinated?

People are considered fully vaccinated after receiving the full series of a COVID 19 vaccine or combination of COVID-19 vaccines approved by World Health Organization (e.g., two doses of a two-dose vaccine series, or one dose of a single-dose vaccine series).

Does a previous COVID-19 infection allow you to attend these settings?

No, a previous infection is not a substitute for being fully vaccinated.

How can I get my proof of vaccination?

Currently, vaccine receipts are available in PDF form to be downloaded or printed to your computer, phone or tablet. Ontarians who received their first or second dose of the COVID-19 vaccine out of province should contact their local public health unit to record their information and receive proper documentation. Both proof of identity along with proof of vaccination will be required. Individuals can provide proof of immunization by downloading or printing their vaccine receipt from the <u>provincial booking.portal</u>, or by calling the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at 1-833-943-3900.

What if a person has a red or white health card or does not have health card?

If a person has a red and white health card, they can call the Provincial Vaccine Booking Line at <u>1-833-943-3900</u>. The call centre agent can email you a copy of your receipt. If they don't have an OHIP number at all, they should contact their local public health unit, and they can help you obtain the receipt.

What if they don't have a phone or a computer?

Ontario will develop and provide additional tools to improve user experience, efficiency and business supports in the coming weeks, including establishing alternative tools for people with no email, health card or ID.

How do I prove I am fully vaccinated if I am from out of province or out of country?

Individuals visiting from outside the province or the country will be required to show their full vaccination status and identification to enter prescribed settings.

Ontario will develop and provide additional tools to improve user experience, efficiency, and business supports in the coming weeks, including ensuring verification of fully vaccinated individuals from outside of province or country.

How does an individual prove they are fully vaccinated if they are an Indigenous person and haven't consented to providing their data to COVAX?

In the coming weeks Ontario will support implementation of vaccine certificates for Indigenous communities whether or not they have opted to enter their data into COVax, while maintaining Indigenous data governance, control, access and possession principles.

How does a person correct or change information on their vaccine credential?

Individuals should contact their local public health unit to make any changes to their vaccination record.

What will happen on September 22nd? What will happen on October 22nd?

As of September 22, 2021, Ontarians will need to be fully vaccinated (two doses plus 14 days) and provide their proof of vaccination as well as proof of identity (such a driver's licence or health card) to access certain public settings and facilities.

An enhanced vaccine certificate, as well as a verification app to allow businesses to read the QR code, will be available beginning October 22.

What will the digital vaccine certificate look like?

Ontario will develop and implement an enhanced vaccine certificate with unique QR code and accompanying verification app that will allow users to securely and safely verify their vaccination status when scanned. This could be stored on a mobile device, such as Apple Wallet. The enhanced vaccine certificate, as well as a verification app to allow businesses to read the QR code, will be available beginning October 22.

What if I don't want to disclose my vaccination status?

It is the discretion of the individual to determine whether they would like to disclose their vaccination status. Should they make the decision not to divulge this information, they will not be permitted to access settings that require proof of vaccination.

In settings where you have to be vaccinated to attend, is recent negative test sufficient to attend if you are unvaccinated?

A negative COVID-19 test or recent COVID-19 infection will not entitle a person to enter these settings, with narrow timelimited exceptions for testing. For the period between September 22 and October 12, 2021, it is intended that people attending wedding or funeral receptions at meeting or event spaces will be able to provide a negative rapid antigen COVID-19 test from no more than 48 hours before the event as an alternative to proof of vaccination. These rapid antigen tests would have to be privately purchased. The only exemptions are for unvaccinated people with medical exemptions and people under 12 years old will also be permitted to enter these settings.

Will people with medical exemptions be allowed to access settings requiring proof of vaccination?

The only exemptions permitted to enter these settings are for unvaccinated people with medical exemptions and people under 12 years old. Individuals who cannot receive the vaccine due to medical exemptions will be permitted with a doctor's note until the medical exemption can be integrated as part of a digital vaccine certificate.

Will individuals aged 11 and under be allowed to access settings requiring proof of vaccination?

Individuals aged 11 and under will be eligible to access these settings. If they are accompanied by an adult, the adult must be vaccinated.

Will proof of vaccination be required to attend weddings and other organized events?

For the period between September 22nd and October 12th, 2021, people attending indoor wedding and funeral receptions at indoor meeting or event spaces will be able to provide a negative rapid antigen COVID-19 test from no more than 48 hours before the event, as an alternative to the vaccine certificate showing they are fully vaccinated. These rapid antigen tests must be privately purchased.

Will people need a phone to be able to access businesses that require proof of vaccination?

A vaccination certificate is a PDF that can be downloaded online or received in paper copy. It includes the same information in both printed and digital form. These certificates will be required to access certain businesses and settings starting on September 22, 2021 as part of the Ontario government's efforts to stop the spread of the COVID-19 virus. By October 22, an enhanced vaccination certificate will be available in a new digital format that will offer increased accessibility and privacy protection.

How will businesses verify digital vaccination certificates?

Ontario will develop and implement an enhanced vaccine certificate with unique QR code and accompanying verification app that will allow users to securely and safely verify their vaccination status when scanned. The enhanced vaccine certificate, as well as a verification app to allow businesses to read the QR code, will be available beginning October 22. Guidance will be provided to business ahead of September 22 to ensure they are prepared.

How long will a vaccine credential be in place?

Vaccine credentials are a temporary measure to address health and safety in the COVID-19 pandemic. How long they are necessary will be monitored and evaluated based on data and the advice of the Chief Medical Officer of Health.

How will the government enforce the requirement for proof of vaccination?

Consistent with current practices under the Reopening Ontario Act, enforcement will be conducted by by-law officers. Ministry of Labour, Training and Skills Development inspectors will begin with education and warnings visits.

Why isn't the province increasing capacity limits for the settings where proof of vaccination is required?

As Ontario continues to confront the Delta-driven fourth wave, the province has taken a cautious approach. This has included some of the highest vaccine thresholds required for re-opening, as well as maintaining indoor masking, a policy that other provinces are now re-introducing.

To avoid future lockdowns and protect hospitals, Ontario is maintaining this cautious approach. This includes not expanding capacity limits in any setting at this time. As we monitor the impact of opening schools and the growing number of people returning to workplaces, we will evaluate when it may be safe to consider expanding capacity limits in settings that are captured by the new vaccine certificate policy.

Additional Resources

Ontario to Require Proof of Vaccination in Select Settings

Related Topics

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