

**Whereas**, the *(insert name of municipality here)* is within the district of the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit (Health Unit); and

**Whereas**, the Health Unit received its first allocation of vaccine more than a month and a half later than Southern Ontario and Ottawa health regions; and

**Whereas**, vaccine allocation for the Health Unit has not increased over time to compensate for the delay in provision of the first vaccine allocation; and

**Whereas**, COVID-19 transmission rates in Northern Ontario, as evidenced by the effective reproduction numbers  $R_{(t)}$ , are among the highest in the province; and

**Whereas**, due to the vaccine allocation, the Health Unit is still in phase 1 of the rollout while public health unit regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa are in phase 2; and

**Whereas**, 26.5% of the population in the Parry Sound District and 22.4% of the population in the Nipissing District are aged 65 years or older, compared to 16.7% for all of Ontario (2016 Census); and

**Whereas**, the delay in the Health Unit vaccine allocations is causing increasing inequities in the booking of COVID-19 vaccination clinics; and

**Whereas**, due to the vaccine allocation, Indigenous populations have not received their required allocation.

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the *(insert name of municipality here)* request that the vaccine allocation be prioritized to public health unit regions that are still in phase 1 to enable them to catch up to those regions in Southern Ontario and Ottawa; and

**Furthermore Be It Resolved**, that this motion be forwarded to the Honourable Doug Ford, Premier of Ontario, the Honourable Christine Elliot, Minister of Health, Vic Fedeli, MPP – Nipissing, Norm Miller, MPP – Parry Sound-Muskoka, John Vanthof, MPP – Timiskaming-Cochrane, Mayors/Reeves within the North Bay Parry Sound District Health Unit district, Ontario Boards of Health, and the Association of Local Public Health Agencies (alpha).