



## **GOVERNANCE AND PRIORITIES COMMITTEE**

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### **Discounted Leisure Centre Use for Health Care Workers during Health Care Worker Appreciation Week**

#### **Recommendation of the Committee**

That during Health Care Worker Appreciation Week (November 1 – 8, 2021), Health Care Workers, and their families, receive a 40% discount on visits to Leisure Centres, in appreciation and gratitude as stated in the Proclamation approved by the City Clerk on October 19, 2021.

#### **History**

At its meeting held on October 18, 2021, the Governance and Priorities Committee considered the following motion of Councillor Gersher with respect to 'Recognition and Proclamation Request - Health Care Worker Appreciation Week':

"WHEREAS, health care professionals have committed and dedicated their work to provide care for their communities with respect for human life and individual dignity;

WHEREAS, the World Health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic on March 11, 2020;

WHEREAS, physicians, nurses, health care assistants, homecare and residential care providers, paramedics, mental health providers, emergency management teams, pharmacists, and others who work in health care have served on the frontlines to protect our community through the COVID-19 pandemic when the rest of the world shut down;

WHEREAS, we recognize the cost to our health care workers has included, but is not limited to, isolation from family, sickness, tireless work days, and the loss of life of colleagues and patients;

WHEREAS, many health care workers provide voluntary education, awareness and advocacy regarding COVID-19;

WHEREAS, the sick in our community, whether afflicted with COVID-19, or suffering with another illness, are treated and tended to by devoted health care workers, who surround and support our sick loved ones when family is not allowed by their loved one's bedside during the pandemic;



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THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on behalf of the City of Saskatoon, Saskatoon City Council extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation to all our health care workers, who continue to show heroic efforts in protecting our community during the COVID-19 pandemic; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Clerk be requested to proclaim November 1 – 8, 2021 “Health Care Worker Appreciation Week” through The Flag and Proclamations Policy; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, all members of our community have a role to play in ensuring that our health care workforces are supported, protected, motivated, and equipped to deliver safe health care at all times.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT, GPC recommend to City Council that during Health Care Worker Appreciation Week (November 1 – 8, 2021) that Health Care Workers, and their families, receive a 40% discount on visits to Leisure Centres, in appreciation and gratitude as stated in the Proclamation.”

Your Committee resolved to adopt the motion as presented, and respectfully submits the above recommendation requiring Council approval.

The approved proclamation will be reported to Council’s November public hearing meeting.