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Date Sunday, April 24, 2022
To His Worship the Mayor and Members of City Council
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Province Saskatchewan
Postal Code
Name of the organization or agency you are representing (if applicable) Bus Riders of Saskatoon
Subject Mask Requirements on Saskatoon Transit
Meeting (if known) City Council - April 25, 2022
Comments Not requesting to speak. Please see attached comments.
Attachments

Will you be submitting a video to be vetted prior to council meeting? No

The results of this submission may be viewed at:

To: Mayor and Council From: Robert Clipperton, Bus Riders of Saskatoon Re: Mandatory Masking on Saskatoon Transit Buses

Bus Riders of Saskatoon encourages Council to follow the recommendation of City Administration and **leave in place the mask mandate on City buses**. We also applaud **continued availability of masks** at no charge for those who board without one.

Our information is that the vast majority of the people who actually use transit are in favour of this regulation. The very high rate of mask usage by passengers, despite the lack of sanctions in place for those who refuse to comply, attests to this. We still believe though that added protection would be achieved by some degree of sanctions with intermittent enforcement, particularly for chronic offenders.

Health authorities the world over continue to advise the use of masks particularly in enclosed spaces where social distancing is not possible and where there are high levels of community spread. As referenced in Administration's report there is significant transmission in our province. This is evidenced by **record high hospitalization rates** (the highest in Canada), waste-water data, and anecdotal information where all of us now know of cases of Covid among friends, family and acquaintances.

Passengers with masks not only protect themselves from contracting the virus but also protect others by limiting the amount of virus released into the air for others to breathe. **Bus riders need to do their part in protecting themselves and others. We ask that City Council do the same.**