



## Municipality of Rankin Inlet

### Vaccinated Access to Municipal Buildings By-law No. 326

**A BY-LAW** of the Municipal Corporation of the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet deems it necessary, in light of the current COVID-19 Pandemic to regulate access to municipal buildings pursuant to the provisions of the Hamlet Act, R.S.N.W.T. 1988, c.H-1, section 54.2. (a) and(b).

**WHEREAS** it is necessary and expedient for the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet to pass a by-law to place restrictions on access to municipal buildings;

**AND WHEREAS** COVID-19 vaccinations have been available to residents 18 years of age and up since January 15, 2021; and COVID -19 vaccinations have been available to residents 12 to 17 years of age since July 15, 2021;

**AND WHEREAS** the Council of the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet wishes to reduce the detrimental effects and risks to the health of residents by COVID -19;

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE HAMLET OF RANKIN INLET**, in a duly constituted meeting, enacts as follows:

#### 1. SHORT TITLE

This By-law may be cited as the “Vaccinated Access to Municipal Buildings” By-Law.

#### 2. INTERPRETATION

In this By-law:

“Municipal Buildings”	means any municipal owned building that is normally open for public access. For greater certainty, those buildings namely are, The Hamlet Office, The AEM Arena, The Singiitug Community Hall Complex, Fitness Center and the Drop-in Center.
“Other Venues”	means any building or venue such as the SAS, LUS and MUI gymnasias that host municipal sports programs or other municipal sponsored activities outside of the normal hours associated with school operations;
“Activities”	means, but is not limited to, any event carried out by or on behalf of the municipality that require public access to facilities such as Bingo and Lottery Events, All Sport Activities, All Gatherings, All Feasts, All Community Games.
“Other User”	means any individual or group that rents any municipal facility for any period of time to hold activities;

“Council”	means the Council member of the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet;
“Hamlet”	means Hamlet of Rankin Inlet;

### **3. PROHIBITION**

- 3.1. Except as provided in this By-law, no person shall be permitted to enter a municipal public building without providing proof of full vaccination against the COVID – 19 Virus.

### **4. REGULATIONS AND EXEMPTIONS**

- 4.1. Unvaccinated persons will be permitted to enter the municipal office for the purpose of making a payment, applying for a permit, or any other program or service. Unvaccinated persons shall be required to wear a mask at all times while in the municipal office.
- 4.2. No unvaccinated persons shall be permitted to enter the community hall, the arena or any municipal building where a public event is being held. This includes but is not limited to, Bingo and Lottery Events, All Sport Activities, All Gatherings, All Feasts, All Community Games, All Public Meetings, all other events such as Weddings, Parties, Funerals, Worship Activities, etc. regardless if the event is a Hamlet sponsored or a third party sponsored event.
- 4.3. The only exception that an unvaccinated person will be permitted to enter a municipal public building is if it is for the purpose of attending a vaccination clinic if it is being held in a municipal building.
- 4.4. All persons entering municipal public buildings will be required to provide proof of vaccination. This may be achieved by presenting a GN Vaccination Card or a QR Scan Code at such time as that program is provided by the Government of Nunavut.
- 4.5. Persons exempted from vaccination due auto-immune deficiencies, allergies or other conditions, should not be gathering in large crowds to start with and will not be exempted from this Bylaw.

### **5. ENFORCEMENT**

- 5.1. Every person who contravenes any provision of this Bylaw, shall be deemed to have committed an offence against this Bylaw and shall be liable to a fine as outlined in this Bylaw.
- 5.2. Bylaw Enforcement Officers of the Hamlet of Rankin Inlet are responsible for the enforcement and administration of this Bylaw.

## 6. PENALTIES

- 6.1. Anyone violating any provision of this Bylaw is guilty of an offence and is liable upon summary of conviction to a fine of:
- 6.1.1. Not less than \$250 for the first offence; or
  - 6.1.2. Not more than \$750 for the second offence; or
  - 6.1.3. Not more than \$2,250 for all subsequent repeated offence(s).

## 7. ENACTMENT

- 7.1. This Bylaw shall come into force on **November 30, 2021** and have effect upon from and after the third and final reading. This Bylaw shall remain in effect until such time as it is repealed or the Government of Nunavut, Minister of Health declares the Covid 19 Pandemic state of emergency to be over.

Read a first time this 12<sup>th</sup> , day of October, 2021.

Read a second time this 12<sup>th</sup> , day of October, 2021.

Read a third time and finally passed this \_\_\_\_\_, day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Mayor, Harry Towtongie

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SAO, Darren Flynn