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VIA EMAIL

Deputy Mayor Kevin Ashe
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Dear Deputy Mayor Ashe,

I am writing on behalf of the Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade (APBOT), representing over 650 employers, regarding the COVID-19 pandemic and the reopening of the regional economy. The APBOT is taking the concerns of businesses and communicating them to all levels of government.

The APBOT would like to celebrate the work of the City of Pickering to support and inform the business community throughout the pandemic.

Public Health Agency of Canada (PHAC) recommends wearing a non-medical mask or face covering when it is not possible to consistently maintain a 2-metre physical distance from others, however, without a stronger mandate it is difficult for local businesses to enforce mask-wearing.

In light of the scientific evidence suggesting that use of masks is an inexpensive, acceptable, and non-invasive measure to help control the spread of COVID-19, we ask that the City of Pickering:

1. Enact a temporary bylaw requiring business owners and organizations with a physical premise that is open to the public to have a policy to ensure non-medical masks or face coverings be worn in the enclosed public spaces under their control, subject to appropriate exemptions for individuals who are unable to wear a mask or face covering for medical reasons, children under two years old, and other reasonable accommodations.
2. That business owners and organizations be given no less than 7 calendar days' notice of the new bylaw.
3. That support be provided to business owners and organizations in order to obtain and afford non-medical masks or face coverings.
4. That the bylaw be shared in a positive tone, with a focus on voluntary compliance to protect each other, as opposed to penalties and fines.

Public health and safety remain priorities for all local businesses. Our organization will continue to listen to our members and stakeholders, and to monitor and assess new



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developments pertaining to COVID-19. We look forward to working with you and all levels of government to provide support for Ajax and Pickering businesses.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Nicole Gibson'.

Nicole Gibson
Executive Director
Ajax-Pickering Board of Trade