

Notice of Motion – Councillor Wegener – January 10, 2022

Whereas

With the rising numbers of covid positive cases across both the province and country and the increased demand/requirement for antigen testing to safely return to the workforce regardless of vaccine status.

And whereas

To provide to the citizens the understanding that their government is working for their health and not profits, by assisting citizens that do not have access to employment provided tests or the privilege of paid sick days while complying with recommendations to quarantine upon symptoms and or positive test results thus not receiving income for quarantine periods and paying for antigen testing to return to work would create further financial hardship.

Be it resolved that

Shelburne Town Council calls on the provincial and federal government to work together to implement a universal rapid antigen test cost for the retail sector both province and nationwide, and that this cost reflect the current economic state and be as cost efficient as possible so that profits are not made off the health of Canadian citizens, and that this be implemented immediately to lessen the financial burden of acquiring rapid antigen tests.

AND THAT staff be directed to forward a copy of this resolution to all Ontario Municipalities, Wellington Dufferin Guelph Public Health, the Minister of Health Christine Elliott, Dufferin MPP Sylvia Jones, Dufferin MP Kyle Seebach, Premier Doug Ford, and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau.