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WHEREAS at the Committee of the Whole Meeting on June 22, 2020 Council considered a memo from Municipal Staff regarding the update on the Closure of Cobourg Victoria Beach, and review of possible options on the reopening of the Cobourg Beach; and

WHEREAS on June 1, 2020 Council approved the closure of Victoria Park Beach and requested a Staff Report with options for "how the Town could reopen the beach with restricted use;" and

WHEREAS the municipality has since been authorized to move to Stage 2 in the Ontario Government's reopening plan, which came into effect on June 12, 2020; and

WHEREAS all 19 confirmed cases of Covid-19 in Northumberland County have been deemed 'resolved' by the HKPR District Health Unit as of June 22, 2020; and

WHEREAS protecting the health and wellbeing of Cobourg residents is a key objective of the Town's Strategic Plan and emergency response to the pandemic;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council confirms the closure of Victoria Park Beach to normal activity, but instructs Staff to prepare for a trial system of a safe and gradual reopening with restricted access and limited capacity as follows:

1. The fence around Victoria Park Beach will remain in place with gated access points;
2. A limited number of beach passes for use by all members of the public during designated hours will be made available free-of-charge and on a first-come first-served basis via an online booking system;
3. The beach passes will only be valid for a specific date and time, Opening times to be determined by Council after receiving a Staff Report for Council consideration.
4. Access gates will be managed by summer staff or a security company who will be responsible for checking pre-booked beach passes.
5. A changeover period between time slots will allow for a smooth transition and rigorous sanitizing of hard surfaces;

6. The number of beach passes made available will be determined based on physical distancing requirements and in consultation with the Town's Emergency Planner and the HKPR District Health Unit;
7. Outside of Council-approved hours for the use of beach passes, public access to the beach will be strictly prohibited;
8. The appropriate number of lifeguards will be hired for the rest of the summer season to reflect operating hours;
9. Beach pass applicants must also answer health screening questions and agree to abide by physical distancing rules and Provincial Emergency Orders;
10. The accessible beach mat will be installed with one entry gate being an accessible entrance; and
11. Beach passes will be made available on a trial basis seven (7) days a week (Monday to Sunday, beginning on July 6, 2020 (unless Council deems otherwise due to a change of circumstance);

AND FURTHER THAT staff draft a Beach Regulating By-law for council's approval at the June 29th Regular Council; and

FURTHER THAT the Town of Cobourg continues to communicate that Victoria Park Beach is closed except for those with a valid pass; and

FURTHER THAT the implementation of this trial period be reviewed by Council at the Committee of the Whole meeting on August 24, 2020.