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**Penticton & Wine Country Chamber of Commerce Respond to BC Proof of Vaccine (Vaccine Card)**

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Penticton, BC – Recently the Penticton and Wine Country Chamber of Commerce surveyed their membership to get their thoughts on the implementation of the BC Vaccine Card. From the 95 responses which represents 20% of the membership, 71% supported the Vaccine Card. For the respondents that did not support the card, 48% indicated their top reason (only one could be chosen) for not supporting the card was concern for human rights and 17% concern for staff being harassed. The responses were from a large cross section of businesses.

“The feedback the Chamber received from our poll indicates that our members want what is best for their community, employees and the long term success of their businesses. This new vaccine passport mandate does not come without concerns for our members; specifically, the stress and anxiety this places on frontline employees, as well as the general concern they have for human rights. We are all hopeful that these difficult measures being taken by the Province will be sufficient to curb the spread of COVID 19 in British Columbia.” said Jonathan McGraw, President.

“We know that there is not one solution that fits all however, when asked what is the Chamber’s position, we can say that from the businesses that responded a large percentage want to do what it takes to stop the spread and hopefully one day be back to normal” said Diane Kereluk, Executive Director.

To view the results of the survey visit: [www.penticton.org/2020/05/chamber-news](http://www.penticton.org/2020/05/chamber-news)

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