

DEPUTATION IN WRITING

REGIONAL COUNCIL

JULY 9, 2020

Subject: July 9th Special Council Meeting

Spokesperson: Elisabeth Tan

Name of Group or person(s) being represented (if applicable):

Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation:

Dear All,

Since the beginning of March we received much data and information from other health professionals globally regarding the COVID-19 pandemic.

The latest article below re. airborne spread, where 2 meters physical distancing will not be sufficient, if the corona virus can float as aerosols in the air for hours:

<https://www.latimes.com/world-nation/story/2020-07-04/coronavirus-airborne-spread>

There has been scientific proof that universal mask usage is saving lives and it is common sense to vote for mandatory mask use in York Region.

Please, do not politicize one of the most important measures to stop the spread of COVID-19. It's a simple and cheap measure and a homemade cloth mask will be sufficient.

The Star:

<https://www.thestar.com/opinion/contributors/2020/06/24/making-masks-mandatory-is-not-a-civil-liberties-issue.html>

We have to protect each other and we must mask up especially for our most vulnerable loved ones.

People with medical problems can be exempt or they can wear a face shield.

Children under 2 will not need a mask either.

Unfortunately, the Provincial government refused to mandate mask use, but we can not afford to wait any longer, when we are looking forward to phase 3.

We have to prevent a second wave, if possible!

Thank you,
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