

# DEPUTATION IN WRITING

REGIONAL COUNCIL

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**Subject:** Masks

**Spokesperson:** Dawn Forsyth

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

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**Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation:**

To whom it may concern;

I would like to share my concerns with asking all individuals to wear masks when entering an indoor place. Firstly, mandatory masking represents an interference with our personal autonomy.

For many masks are more than a momentary inconvenience. For those who must wear them for hours on end for example, those with respiratory illness, claustrophobia, PTSD, masks can be debilitating and a serious threat to their health.

We cannot discount the rights of those who cannot wear a mask as this would render these requirements unconstitutional as a result of the unjustified violation of section 7 and 15 of the Canadian charter of rights and freedoms, namely the right to liberty, security of person and equality. Furthermore, the necessity for exempt persons to disclose private and confidential information to justify their ability to wear masks creates privacy concerns which would render the mandatory masks requirements illegal.

Wide spread use of masks is not supported by high quality scientific research.

As well as, little information has been given to events taking place after a transmission has happened when innate immunity plays a crucial role. The main purpose of the innate immunity response is to immediately prevent the spread and movement of foreign pathogens throughout the body. The innate immunity efficacy is dependent of the viral load.

If face masks determine a humid habitat where the virus can remain active due to the water vapour continuously provided breathing and captured by the mask they determine an increase in viral load and can cause a defeat of the innate immunity and an increase in infections.

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In addition mandatory mask wearing poses a threat to the health and safety of our staff and business owners in retail and small businesses. When someone enters a store wearing a mask and gloves it is difficult for security cameras to identify the individual. This would create an environment for increased robberies and vandalism in our community businesses and in effect leave businesses vulnerable and our police with very little support or evidence to investigate and serve and protect us. This will bring about a complete breakdown of our society as we know it.

Sincerely,  
Dawn Forsyth