

DEPUTATION IN WRITING

REGIONAL COUNCIL

JULY 9, 2020

Subject: Upcoming Council Meeting about Mask Wearing

Spokesperson: Alana Hollander

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

Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation:

I wanted to email you to express my concern about your upcoming meeting about mask wearing in York Region. Please, just keep masks wearing as recommended. It is getting harder and harder for those of us who can't wear a mask to get services and shop. I know there are always exceptions but people are not very forgiving to those who can't wear them. For example, I went to Orangeville a few weeks back and wanted to get into the Metro. I went with a girl friend because we are finding power in numbers works best. While standing in line the security guard asked if we had masks and we said no. He told us, there was no point in standing and waiting then because we weren't getting in. We explained to him that someone people can't wear masks. He told us we would have to talk to the manager. We said that was fine. When she came out and we tried to explain, she was very upset and unfortunately it created quite a scene. It was very embarrassing. She did let us in. Once in the store we had another store clerk asking about not wearing masks. He told us he would be fined \$5000 if we were in the store without a mask so he need to know why.

Please, most people are already wearing masks, don't make the situation worse for people like me by making it mandatory. I'm already beginning to feel like a second class citizen.

Thanks,

Alana Hollander

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