

DEPUTATION IN WRITING

REGIONAL COUNCIL

JULY 9, 2020

Subject: Support for mandatory mask bylaw

Spokesperson: Jennifer Kwan

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

Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation:

I am a family physician and part of the group Masks4Canada (masks4canada.org), a grassroots group advocating for the importance of masks as an additional layer of protection against COVID19. I am writing to you in support of the mandatory masking bylaw for high risk settings, such as indoor public spaces & public transportation. This is the correct decision that will protect the lives and health of York Region residents.

My colleagues and I have witnessed how COVID19 has affected the lives of our patients, both directly and indirectly. Masks will help ensure that the re-opening is safe and sustainable as we move towards Stage 3. It will help keep York Region residents safe and avoid any further damage caused by lockdowns. It will also promote economic recovery by allowing businesses to re-open safely.

Emerging scientific evidence is in support of masks to protect against COVID19 transmission. Let's keep each other safe. My mask protects you, your mask protects me, we will protect our community!

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