

# DEPUTATION IN WRITING

REGIONAL COUNCIL

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**Subject:** Written Submission Re: Mandatory Masks

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

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

Thank you for affording me the opportunity to voice my opinion I first would like to state that I am OPPOSED to the mandating of wearing face masks.

As a business owner and resident of York Region I am able to share a few different perspectives on the proposed bylaw put forth by Mayor Frank Scarpitti (Markham). I will not waste your time or mine referencing the extensive research proving the lack of efficacy for mask wearing in limiting the spread of any virus including Covid-19. I have read the letters from the great citizens of York Region already submitted to you and many have already attached a plethora of verifiable studies. I hope you will afford those people your time in actually reading them as they took it upon themselves to use their time to reach out to you with those. Instead I will attach letters from the OCLA both to the WHO and directly to Mayor Frank Scarpitti, the latter I see is not included in your agenda. I have also attached a letter from the Canadian Constitution Foundation to Dr. Nicola Mercer which can easily be transferred to York Region.

As a resident of York Region I fail to see why the Municipal Government has now shown a blatant disregard for our Charter of Rights and Freedoms and Civil Liberties and have appointed themselves our new ministers of Health. The attached letters go into great detail how your proposed bylaw infringes on multiple Rights and Freedoms so please read them. I have also never received any notice as to what studies you are using to try and mandate this bylaw.

As a business owner I have great concerns over the liabilities of someone entering my place of business and having a medical issue or emergency directly related to wearing a mask which could cause injury or even death. Who would be liable? York Region for mandating it or myself for enforcing it? How long is this proposed mandate to continue? Who is responsible for providing the face masks? One resident who wrote into you even suggested that the additional cost be placed on the businesses. How much of our tax payer dollars are going to be used to implement this? Who is going to enforce this? It is clear to see why both our Federal and Provincial Governments chose not to mandate masks and have placed that

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liability burden on our Municipal Governments, who are now in turn passing these liabilities onto local businesses.

I find it odd that not one level of our Government has tried to put forth general health and immune enhancing recommendations and are relying solely on masks and physical distancing which are both proven to not be effective at reducing our risk of transmission....we even have guidelines on how to create our newly increased "social bubble" As for the mass and incredibly frequent sanitizing of commonly touched surfaces there is also new information out on the exaggerated risk of transmission of Covid 19 by fomites which I have also attached for you.

I truly hope that after all the information provided to you by myself and other York Region residents you will not make wearing masks mandatory and at the **very most recommended only**. Either route you choose to go you have the obligation if you are stepping into health care roles to provide all inherent risks associated with any of the above mentioned measures and let the individual decide if those risks outweigh any **perceived** benefit of them. Failure to do so may result in multitude of liabilities on York Region.

Every resident of York Region and in fact every Canadian are being constantly subjected to an almost nonstop propaganda campaign concerning Covid19 with so much information changing daily if not hourly . I personally see an increasingly number of Canadians losing faith and trust in our Medical Professionals who we trust to give us honest information and who have not. I reference the recent admissions of both Toronto Public Health and Minister of Health in regards to how they code a Covid19 death which greatly and falsely inflates the death count... **this instills fear**. The constant bias and false information being reported by our media; they seem to focus solely on new cases and fail to report that we have increased our testing, by constantly stating the new daily deaths and total deaths and failing to mention that they are on the decline, they give little to no mention of recoveries at all....**this instills fear**. One of the letters written to you is claiming there are millions of deaths worldwide ( imagine how terrified this person is ) They fail to mention that although any death is tragic, the total deaths Canada wide accounts for only .0002% of our population ( not so terrifying when viewed like this and I am not dismissing any death as not tragic). Our government who has no limit it seems when infringing on our Rights, Freedoms and Civil Liberties. Passing Bills without proper parliamentary process failing to provide Canadian's with total spending concerning our management of this crisis. Our Government who at all levels are operating with little to no transparency or accountability and who constantly defer to whomever fits the most current narrative when deciding what is best for their citizens. Do we even know yet who is on our Premier's covid19 team? Our Government who mandates rules onto their citizens based solely on unproven science but fail to comply with those same rules themselves...**this instills frustration and civil unrest**.

Thank you again for the opportunity to participate in this discussion

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