

# DEPUTATION IN WRITING

REGIONAL COUNCIL

JULY 9, 2020

**Subject:** Mandatory Use of Face Masks

**Spokesperson:** Martin Weening

**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,

It is my understanding that there will be a special meeting on July 9th concerning the decision to make the wearing of a mask mandatory in public indoor places. As a York Region resident I would like to make it clear that I STRONGLY OPPOSE this idea.

The effectiveness of the use of a mask has been a debatable issue since Covid-19 began. Lab workers dealing with infectious viruses wear full hazmat suits as protection, so how is it that a face mask sewn from a handkerchief cloth will have any effect in reducing the spread of a virus? In my opinion (which is consistent with many medical professionals whom I have seen or heard report on this issue) wearing a mask simply provides a false sense of security against Covid 19.

I have observed many people wearing masks improperly, or wearing a mask that are so dirty that they have clearly been used on multiple occasions, thereby defeating their purpose, (on the false assumption that their function is of any effect to begin with).

I have never feared the spread of this virus and feel it is an invasion of my personal rights and freedoms to be mandated to wear one. I have only worn a mask on one very brief occasion (as required at my dentist's office) and immediately had to remove it from my nose as it caused my glasses to steam-up.

It is my opinion that if people feel at risk and are of the opinion that a mask offers protection then they are free to wear it where and how they will. If however they feel threatened by those of us who choose not to wear a mask, then they should simply stay at home.

I do not believe that York Region should be pressured into doing something that is not proven as being effective, and therefore request that this by-law not be passed. We should continue as we have already been doing. Stay distanced while in public places, wash your hands and do not touch your face.

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If this is mandated please be advised that I WILL NOT comply, as I will not have my rights and freedoms violated by a group of government dictators who choose to enforce their unvalidated opinion on society.

Thank you

Martin

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