

DEPUTATION IN WRITING

REGIONAL COUNCIL

JULY 9, 2020

Subject: Mandatory Mask Bylaw

Spokesperson: Dr. Amy Tan

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

Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation:

Dear Council Members,

As a family physician on the front-lines of COVID 19, I have witnessed first-hand how this disease and the collateral harms from this public health crisis have disproportionately affected essential workers and those whom our society relies upon for daily essentials of living.

As the economy reopens, and these people at the front lines of food and service industries are exposed to larger numbers of the public coming out of lockdown, I implore you to be on the right side of history and pass the mandate for masking to set a clear, unequivocal expectation that those who can mask (allowing for appropriate exceptions) do mask in all high risk public spaces. This will protect all workers on the front lines of grocery stores, hardware stores, restaurants, postal offices and other services, as well as their patrons. This will provide clear messaging and legal cover for the businesses that employ workers and help keep their patrons safe as well. This will protect your local economy as things continue to open up, while decreasing the chance of further lockdowns and decreasing the spread of COVID 19 and the chances of a second wave.

Thank you very much for your careful consideration about this mask mandate that will help protect the health and safety of your citizens.

Yours truly,

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