

DEPUTATION IN WRITING

REGIONAL COUNCIL

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Subject: Public Health Considerations of Mandating the Use of Face Coverings as a Measure to Reduce the Spread of COVID-19

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

Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation:

I personally would like to submit my response to the mandate of face coverings that is up for debate during this council meeting.

I have questions that I would like to have addressed before having even more mandates forced upon me and my family. Quite frankly and honestly (pardon my bluntness), I have had enough with the power overreach in our supposed democracy. Our population is supposedly well educated and should be treated as such. Thus, we should have every opportunity to make decisions for ourselves in terms of our own health. I'm seeing an abuse of power that is deeply concerning. These types of mandates shouldn't even be wasting the tax-payers' time.

Have you thought about the long-term impact on our young population in relation to this? I was witness to a five-year old boy who had his mask fall off and proceeded to have a tantrum, screaming that he was going to die because his mask fell off and therefore he would catch the virus. This is an example of the long-term trauma impact these decisions are having on our children. How must a child feel walking in any location and not being able to see one friendly face? Even the face of their loved ones are covered and masked from them. How does that make them feel safe? Smiles are removed from society – smiles are what young children associate to be love, along with physical touch and kind words. These are definitely lacking in public. We should not be focusing on normalizing these things with children. Sick kids is not recommending mandating face masks for children. They are doctors and medical professionals. Why are you?

Why are we not spending our time in council concerning ourselves with the impact of these masks and PPE on the environment?

Why are we not spending our time in council concerning ourselves with the complete disregard for WHMIS standards and safety labels, having untrained staff using harmful cleaning chemicals that are not being disclosed to the public upon request?

How do you plan to educate the population on proper use of PPE?

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How long is this mandate supposed to be in effect for? How do we know that this will not be abused and prolonged? What guarantees do we have?

Will we be provided with a list of LONG-TERM DOUBLE BLIND STUDIES that scientifically support the use of cloth masks?

Why are we not focusing on isolating those who are vulnerable instead of forcing more mandates on the healthy population?

If I had been provided with more time, I can guarantee that my list of questions would be much, much longer. I need more information in order to agree with and follow these mandates.

Thank you in advance for answering all of my questions at length and in depth.

Concerned citizen,

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