

# DEPUTATION IN WRITING

SPECIAL REGIONAL COUNCIL  
DECEMBER 22, 2020

**Subject:** Open up York Region

**Spokesperson:** Karthik Raj

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

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**Brief summary of issue or purpose of deputation: (Deputation in Writing)**

To support the motion being put forward by RC Carmine Perrelli to reopen York Region.



To all York Region Council Members,

Never has been so many eyes watching your every move, every vote - this is a reality of 2020, a year thoroughly effected by Covid-19. If you feel the pressure mounted upon you as overwhelming, I can sincerely relate and sympathize. Having said that, you sought to be elected to this position and it is in your hearts and minds that our region will either win back its freedom or lose it.

Last week's motion presented by Mr. Carmine Perrelli (to reopen the region) had 10 votes in favor, while 11 against. We came precariously close to stating 'the will of the people' back to our Premiere. I believe that you are at this crossroad, where in you can either carry out the will of the people or vote against it.

Every fellow York Region citizen I've met or spoken to, agree in NOT locking down the region. Whether they had the time to research or no. The people know intuitively that lockdowns are never a prudent action to take to stop a viral transmission; This thought is backed by the WHO itself.

Lockdowns are having a mind-numbing level of collateral damages.

1. We know that the Sick Kids Hospital in Toronto has had to defer roughly 7,000 surgeries due to these extreme measures. Many of these surgeries were time sensitive and without going through it, we have collectively condemned many kids to a lifetime of living with illness, disfigurement or trauma.
  - a. Can you justify this egregious injustice in the name of saving the people from an illness which thankfully kills inline to that of the seasonal flu. [1]
2. Ontario Child Abuse cases projected to climb up to [2-3]:
  - a. Physical Abuse: 11,400 Cases
  - b. Sexual Abuse: 1,641
  - c. Neglect: 13,012
  - d. Emotional Maltreatment: 7,549
  - e. Exposure to intimate partner violence: 27,452
  - f. Can you sincerely put the kids who often are at the mercy of adults in harms way by voting to impose this lockdown?
3. Domestic Violence projected to increase [4-5]:
  - a. Against children & youth: 67,929
  - b. Against intimate partner: 110,880
  - c. Against seniors: 13,666
  - d. Will you NOT consider helping these vulnerable members by voting to end lockdowns?

I'm sure that there are many other collateral damages that are going undetected, please think of all this and reconsider your personal stance and vote from your heart. Please vote for what is right for the whole community. Vote to reopen the region.

Sincerely,

Karthik Raj

References:

[1] Ontario.ca as of today, Dec 21<sup>st</sup> posts: Resolved: 134,867, Deaths: 4,167 – Recovery Rate of Closed Cases:  $\text{Resolved} / (\text{Resolved} + \text{Deaths}) = 97.35\%$ .

[2] Ontario stats on child abuse: <https://cwrp.ca/ontario-statistics>

[3] Alberta projection on child abuse climbing: <https://csacleth.ca/?p=0&action=article&oid=410>

[4] Stats CAN: <https://www150.statcan.gc.ca/n1/en/pub/85-002-x/2019001/article/00018-eng.pdf?st=dsyH-r5O>

[5] Increase in domestic violence: <https://www.straight.com/news/police-agencies-report-increase-in-domestic-disturbance-calls-during-height-of-canadas-covid-19>